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King Khaled

Khaled gets message from Libya leader

GENEVA, Sept. 14 (SPA) — King Khaled Friday received a message from Libyan President Muammar Qaddafi.

The message was delivered to the King during a meeting with the Libyan ambassador to Switzerland. Details were not disclosed.

The King's special adviser, Dr. Rashad Pharaon, attended the meeting. Meanwhile, in Vienna, Austrian President Rudolf Kirchschlager met Thursday night with Defense and Civil Aviation Minister Prince Sultan for a discussion of bilateral ties and world issues.

Saudi Ambassador to Austria Sheikh Abdullah Al Khayyal later gave a dinner in honor of the prince.

Wednesday, Prince Sultan met Saudi students studying in Austria and urged them to adhere to the tenets of Islam and by Arab values wherever they might go. He also urged them to pursue their studies diligently.

Syrian cabinet change due soon

DAMASCUS, Sept. 14 (R) — Syrian President Hafez Assad will announce a new government soon, a senior government official says.

The official told Reuters Thursday night that the formation of the next cabinet will be discussed at a forthcoming conference of Syria's ruling Baath Party.

"The conference and President Assad will then name the next prime minister and members of the cabinet," he said.

Britain won't sell oil to Israel

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Agencies) — Britain has refused to sell North Sea oil to Israel, it was announced here Friday.

The decision was conveyed to Israeli Energy Minister Issac Mordechai at a meeting he had here Thursday with British Energy Secretary David Howell.

In an apparent change of policy, the government also said it had decided not to sell off the state-owned oil assets.

The government informed oil companies operating in the North Sea that their exports should be confined to countries of the European Economic Community (EEC) and those that were members of the International Energy Agency, except Finland.

N. Yemen completes weapons program

By Farook Laqman

JEDDAH, Sept. 14 — The arrival of American arms shipments in North Yemen means that country's program of diversifying its supplies of weapons is complete, Foreign Minister Hassan Makki says.

In an interview with Arab News on route home from the nonaligned summit in Havana, Dr. Makki said his country has been able to considerably reduce its dependence on Soviet and Communist bloc weapons.

North Yemen now buys American arms, French arms, and arms from other friendly states, and thanks to Saudi aid it has been able to shop around for the weapons it wants at the best possible prices, he said.

Until recently the Sanaa government was almost completely dependent on the Soviet Union for its arms supplies, he said, primarily because the Soviets extended credit while Western states demanded cash in advance.

But now North Yemen's government is able to buy its arms on a "cash-and-carry" basis, he said. "With adequate quantities of arms in hand, our armed forces now are better armed and trained than ever before," he said.

The U.S. weapons were supplied on an emergency basis to North Yemen following the outbreak of fierce border fighting between North and South Yemen earlier this year.

The brief border war was settled after Arab League mediation which established joint Sanaa-Aden committees aimed at reconciling the two adversaries and paving the way for a merger between the two states.

But Makki said the committees have hardly been functioning during the past few months, although the situation along their border is normal and there have been no recent incidents.

He said the leaders of North and South are to meet again soon to continue the process of normalizing relations, but added that a precise date has not yet been set.

In the meantime, he said, "we are busy rebuilding the country." Saudi, Kuwaiti and Iraqi aid has allowed the country to begin an ambitious development program which includes construction of roads, schools, airports, power plants and sewage systems throughout the country.

One positive development, he said, has been the discovery of copper reserves in Hamoura in the southern region of the country. While no plans are yet in place to develop them, a Romanian company is engaged in a study to estimate their commercial potential, he added.

"There is a lot of money in the market, greater demand and infinitely more consumption than a few years ago," he said.

In fact, the situation has changed so rapidly that Yemen — the traditional supplier of labor to the states of the Arabian peninsula — now is suffering a labor shortage of its own.

"It may be hard to believe, but it is true," Makki said. "We are not importing foreign workers from Egypt, Sudan, Pakistan and India."



(AP photo)

EMBRACE: Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat is greeted on his arrival in Madrid Thursday by Spanish Premier Adolfo Suarez. The two men talked for more than two hours after the PLO leader's arrival.

Meets Spanish premier

Arafat gets cordial greeting

MADRID, Sept. 14 (Agencies) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat held a series of what were described as "very cordial" meetings with Spanish leaders Thursday and Friday.

Arafat's visit here is considered part of the PLO's strategy of winning European states to its goal of an independent Palestinian state and takes place in the wake of earlier meetings with Austrian and West German leaders.

Arafat met for more than two hours Thursday with Premier Adolfo Suarez and Foreign Minister Marcelino Oreja, and continued the talks with Oreja Friday morning.

He arrived here Thursday afternoon and was to leave Saturday, reportedly for a visit to France. The Kuwaiti daily Al-Qabas reported Friday Arafat would have talks in Paris with French leaders on the Middle East situation.

And another Kuwaiti newspaper, Al-Anba, reported Thursday that Arafat will soon meet with outgoing American U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young.

The newspaper, which did not give a source to its report, said that U.S. civil rights leader Jesse Jackson would also attend the meeting. (See story, Page 3)

Spanish officials described his reception here as cordial, in spite of protests from some local Jewish leaders and a prominent conservative political figure.

The politician, Manuel Fraga Iribarne, said he had turned down an invitation to meet with Arafat. Fraga is the parliamentary spokesman for Spain's Conservative Democratic Coalition group.

The visit also drew a protest from the Israeli government, which said it "regretted" the meetings between Arafat and top Spanish officials.

But Israel and Spain have no formal dip-

lomatic relations, and there appeared to be little chance that the Israeli protest would affect the course of Arafat's stay.

Spain is the only Western European state which does not have formal ties with Israel, and is the first to officially invite him for a visit.

Arafat's meeting in Vienna earlier this year with Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt was under the auspices of the Socialist International and was not a formal state visit.

In addition to his talks with Spain's prime minister and foreign minister, Arafat Thursday met Spanish Communist leader Santiago Carrillo and Friday was to meet with moderate Socialist Party leader Felipe Gonzalez.

A source in the office of Prime Minister Suarez said the two men held a "very cordial discussion" Thursday.

Egypt's Ali due Monday

Weizman in U.S. for military talks

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 — Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman arrived in Washington Thursday for a week of talks on Israel's military ties with the United States and the status of the Middle East peace process.

Weizman said on arrival from New York that he and Defense Secretary Harold Brown would talk about "technical aspects" of U.S.-Israeli military relations, including the need for qualitative improvements in Israel's arsenal.

He said his discussions with Brown and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance would not

Annual report Waldheim urges new world spirit

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 14 (R) — U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim has called for a world spirit of accommodation after the past year of uncertainty, tension and conflict.

"If ever there was a time for serious reflection and stocktaking on the state and future of the community of nations, it is now," he said in his annual report to the General Assembly, opening next Tuesday.

"In our current anxiety we have, to some extent, lost sight of the enormous advances that have been made on so many fronts in the past 30 years," he said.

"What we now require is the necessary spirit of accommodation to take full advantage of those advances."

He cited improved relations among the major powers, including the links between the United States and China and the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Waldheim said lack of progress on major problems during the past year was disappointing.

The U.N. was trying to create a world order fundamentally different from anything that previously existed, he said.

But it was not enough to await new global disasters to bring about a new phase in international relations, he said.

There was a need for concerted statesmanship oriented towards the future rather than dominated by and reacting to the past, he added.

The U.N.'s primary objective must remain the survival of the human race and its environment in the best possible conditions, he said.

Basically, there is nothing wrong with the existing international mechanism, except the inability of governments to use it fully, Waldheim said.

The secretary general made these points about the world's main trouble spots:

The Middle East — so sensitive that it was virtually impossible to make suggestions without upsetting someone.

The Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty had created a new situation, but a just and lasting peace could be achieved only through a settlement including the rights of the Palestinians.



Kurt Waldheim

Southern Lebanon — A tragic and volatile situation reflecting the wider problems of the region which would not be solved until solid progress was made on those problems.

Zimbabwe Rhodesia and Namibia — Continued loss of life and raids into Angola, Botswana, Mozambique and Zambia had serious implications for the security and economic future of the whole region. Developments had been disappointing.

Cyprus — A determined approach based on existing guidelines and agreements could lead to a rapid improvement in the inter-communal conflict, rather than clinging to the potentially unstable status quo.

Mountain jet crash claims 31 in Italy

CAGLIARI, Sardinia, Sept. 14 (R) — Thirty-one Italians died when a DC-9 airliner crashed early Friday into Sardinia's rugged mountains and exploded in a ball of fire.

The pilot radioed a last message to say he was flying through storm clouds on his approach to Cagliari's Di Elmas Airport. Workers at a nearby petrochemical factory then heard a loud explosion and saw a fireball in the sky.

"It looked like an atomic explosion with fumes hanging over the mountains like a mushroom," one worker said.

The plane of the domestic airline ATI was carrying 27 passengers and four crew on a flight from Alghero in northern Sardinia to Rome via Cagliari.

Seven hours after the crash, a rescue helicopter spotted the plane's debris scattered across rocky mountain slope in thousands of little pieces. "There is no sign of life," the helicopter pilot radioed.

Transport Minister Luigi Preti immediately ordered a full investigation into the disaster. Rescue workers, hampered by fog and rain on the almost inaccessible mountain, found the plane's two flight recorders near the wreckage.

The fuselage was flattened and pointing downhill with pieces of wreckage strewn around like confetti for 200 meters. A police patrol confirmed there were no survivors.

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Area issues loom large on U.S. Congress calendar

By a Staff Writer
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 — The U.S. Congress, back in session after its month-long summer recess, will be examining several Middle East policy issues and arms sales requests this fall.

Looming most prominently on the Congressional calendar is planned testimony by both special Middle East envoy Robert Strauss and United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young.

Plans for Strauss and Young to testify before the House Europe and Middle East Subcommittee are still "indefinite," but a committee spokesman said the hearing could be scheduled this month.

Strauss and Young will be asked to testify on recent developments in the Middle East and probable topics include: future U.S. relations with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), Israel's use of U.S. aircraft and weapons in raids over South Lebanon and Egyptian-Israeli talks on West Bank autonomy.

Also on the Congressional agenda this fall, both the House Foreign Affairs and the Senate Foreign Relations Committees will discuss U.S. arms sales to several Middle East nations.

Among the arms sales slated to receive Congressional attention will be construction support services for the sales of 300 M60 tanks to Jordan.

The State Department has not issued formal proposals for the sale. Once the State Department gives Congress its formal offer, Congress has 30 calendar days, during which it is in session, to act on proposed arms sales.

Congress discussed the tank sale to Jordan, which Israel has vehemently opposed, during a review in early August of a mixture of arms

sales to Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Israel. But a House committee spokesman now says that Jordan may be reevaluating its tank needs and may decide to purchase fewer tanks.

No Congressional action is expected on a resolution introduced by Rep. Paul Findley of Illinois to block further arms sales to Israel until the Zionist state halts its use of U.S. supplied weapons in bombing raids over South Lebanon.

The arms sales, which Findley had hoped to block, include selling Israel some 200 M60 tanks, armored personnel carriers and various missiles.

This arms package for Israel plus 35 F-4 aircraft and other weapons for Egypt are expected to be offered with only minor modifications, a House spokesman said.

On another front, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will review Possible future arms sales to Morocco this fall. The committee held a closed door session in July, and a committee spokesman said an open hearing on future sales will likely be scheduled soon.

Asharq Al Awsat to print Kissinger memoirs

London Bureau

LONDON, Sept. 14 — Arab News' sister Arabic-language daily Asharq Al Awsat, has negotiated the exclusive world Arabic rights to publish the Kissinger Memoirs.

Twice weekly publication of translated extracts from the first volume will begin in Asharq from Sept. 23 in conjunction with their publication in Time magazine, The New York Times, L'Express, Der Spiegel, and, on republication, The Sunday Times of London, among other leading international publications.

Morocco has bought U.S. arms in the past. But recently the U.S. has been reluctant to sell more arms to Morocco because of its use of the weapons against guerrillas in the disputed Western Sahara.

But the Carter administration is now reportedly considering a policy shift to sell the more modern and sophisticated equipment sought by King Hassan II.

In another matter related to arms sales, Rep. Findley hopes to schedule hearings on his resolution of inquiry, which asks Congress to investigate Israel's use of U.S. supplied aircraft in South Lebanon.

A spokesman for Findley's office said there has not been any "spillover" in Congress yet from last week's denunciation by U.N. Ambassador Young of Israel's continued bombing attacks.

In mid-September the House will continue consideration of the Export-Administration Act of 1979. Not much dissent is expected on the act, which contains a provision allowing the export of Alaskan crude oil to Israel.

Asharq's agreement for the rights to the first two volumes of the memoirs was signed earlier this week for an undisclosed amount with the Kuwaiti-owned Alshaya publishing house based in Holland, which bought the rights from the memoirs' publishers, Little Brown and Company of the U.S.

The first two volumes cover Dr. Henry Kissinger's tenure in the White House up to Nixon's final days and the Watergate scandal.

Kissinger was Nixon's assistant for national security affairs and later secretary of state intensely involved in East-West relations, the Vietnam saga, and of course the Middle East.

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Work to start after Pilgrimage on preservation of old Jeddah

JEDDAH, Sept. 14 — Work will begin on preserving the old city of Jeddah after the Pilgrimage, according to Mayor Muhammad Said Farisi.

He told *Okaz* Thursday that 500 of the 798 listed old buildings in the area will be preserved, with the others demolished to give space to the area — presumably

meaning to provide easier access and making a more compact whole. Trees will be planted and streets will be paved. The objective will be to preserve the historic features of the area.

The owners of old buildings will be allowed to set up businesses in them, to give new economic life to

the area and to permit to earn the money to maintain their property. Future construction in the area will be subject to municipality control and regulation. Height and style will be taken into consideration, and the permission of the municipality will be necessary for the demolition of any of the buildings now standing.

Farisi's deputy, Dr. Hassan Hajrah, told *Al-Medina* Thursday that the municipality has received copies of a map of the city that marks public buildings, projects under construction and the names and number of streets. It was made by the Information and Documents Center.

After approval copies will be placed at the airport, the seaport and in hotels to help visitors and tourists.

He added that SR3 million has been allocated for buying insecticides and spraying equipment for next year, and SR40 million has been set aside for cleaning the city.

Hajrah Tuesday chaired a meeting attended by the directors of local branches of the municipality, at which they discussed their problems and their requirements for workers and equipment in next year's budget.

Four new branches will be opened next year, and their allocations have been approved.

Jeddah Calling

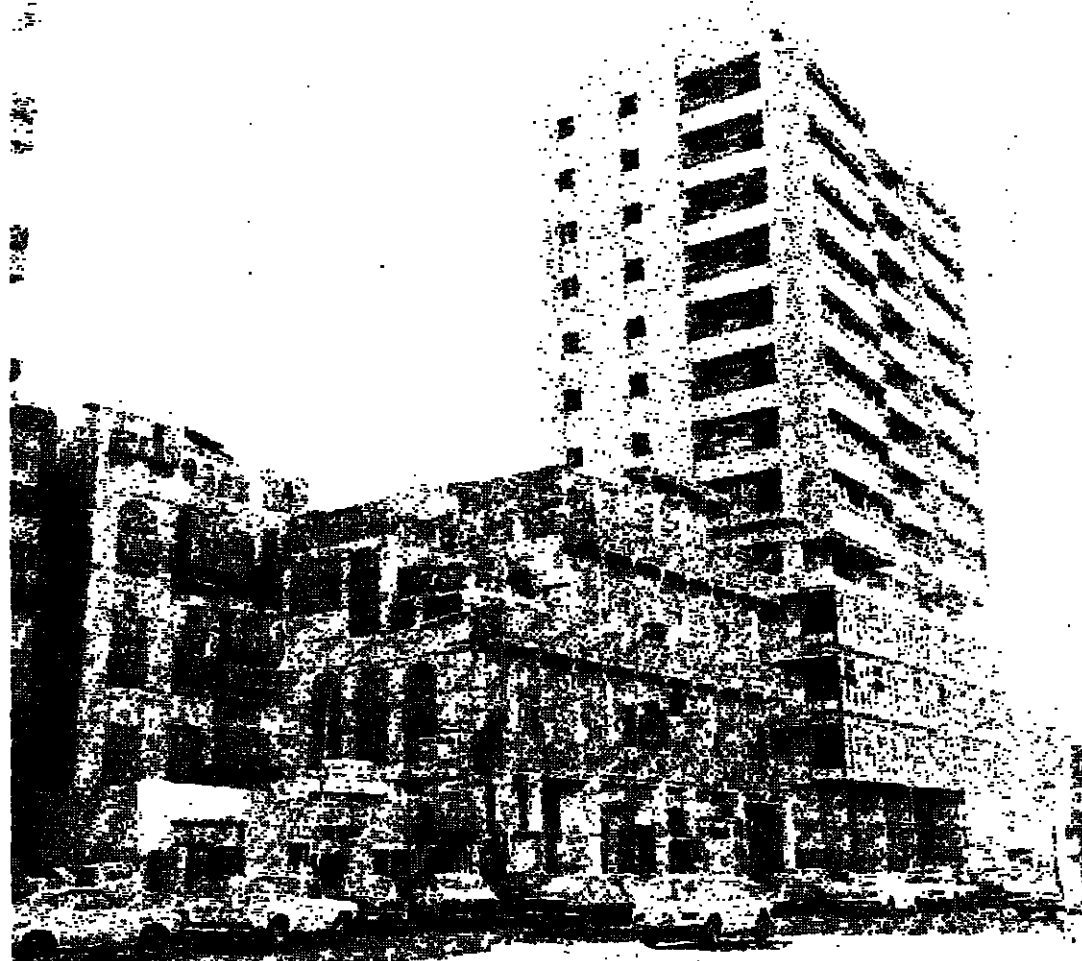
JEDDAH, Sept. 14 — Over Ramadan and the Eid Al-Fitr holiday 129,601 international telephone calls were made from Jeddah.

Al-Bilad reported Thursday that Rabi Dahan, the director of Saudi Telephone in Jeddah, says that more international calls were made from his city than any other city in the Kingdom.

Schools board to meet

DAMMAM, Sept. 14 (SPA) — The Constituent Council for the Eastern Minaret Schools will hold a meeting Monday in King Faisal University in Dammam.

Rector of King Faisal University Dr. Muhammad Al-Qahtani describes the schools as a charitable project, to be built in cooperation with King Faisal University, the Ministry of Education and the



OLD JEDDAH: New Jeddah justifies for attention with the old. Work on the preservation of the old city, long urged, will begin after the Pilgrimage.

Begins in two months

Rush housing flats allocation set

JEDDAH, Sept. 14 — The allocation of flats in the Rush Housing Projects of Jeddah and Dammam will start in two months, after the Council of Ministers has approved the proposed principles for eligibility.

Saud Linjawi, the deputy minister of housing and public works for housing, told *Al-Bilad* Thursday that the projects, also known as Jeddah and Dammam Towers and

General Presidency for Girls' Education.

The summer Holy Koran learning school will hold its final ceremony Monday in the Hana Scientific Institute. Sheikh Hawas Al-Hawas, the institute's director, said students who memorize a part of the Holy Koran in addition to five speeches of the Holy Prophet, will be given SR200.

intended for housing limited-income Saudis, are being handed over to the ministry by the contractors. A committee has been formed to allocate the Jeddah apartments.

He said that in the next Five-year Plan, the ministry intends to make housing available to every Saudi in all parts of the Kingdom. Until then, next year's plans include public housing projects in Riyadh and Al-Khobar.

Work will also begin next year on 4,000 housing units each in Mecca, Medina, Buraidah and Abha.

Major housing projects in Khafji and Qatif are also under way, involving 1,000 units in each.

The mayor of Qatif, Mansour Ali Al-Marzouki, said Wednesday that his municipality is now working on SR 225 million of projects. They include covering the town's

open sewage network, draining marshes, building a water distribution system, reclaiming some land from the sea, building parking lots, lighting certain streets and generally beautifying the town.

He had been authorized to build new municipality branches in Jaroudiyah and Umm Hamam. They will cost SR 3.5 million.

In Umm Hamam and Awamiyah SR 31 million of work is under way to build new roads through expropriated buildings.

The Qatif Public Services Center has announced its plans for 1979 and 1980, which involve setting up youth camps, holding cultural and sports competitions, and improving housing. It will also emphasize vocational training programs and include public education, organized outings, a family care project, a women's library and other social services.

Chinese projects here worth \$800 million, visiting minister says

By John Rossant

JEDDAH, Sept. 14 — The Republic of China has some \$800 million of projects in Saudi Arabia, ranging from rural electrification schemes in the south to vegetable cultivation in Hofuf, the Chinese Minister of Economic Affairs Chang Kwang-shi told *Arab News* Friday.

The minister is in Jeddah leading a 21-member delegation to the fourth annual meeting of the Sino-Saudi Joint Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation. Chang will also participate in the state visit of the Chinese Prime Minister Sun Tun-Suan, who arrives Sunday.

Chang expressed his enthusiasm for Chinese involvement in the Saudi economy and outlined possible future participation.

The largest current project, he said, is the Taiwan Power Company's \$140 million rural electrification in Baha, where some 1200 Chinese are putting the finishing touches on a diesel-generated plant which will provide 60,000 watts of electricity for the region.

Taiwan Power recently signed a two-year operation and maintenance contract worth over \$60 million. The contract calls for roughly 240 Chinese at the Baha plant.

Chang also said that losses at Baha have reached \$24.5 million. They will have a drastic effect on Taiwan Power's balance sheet this year, but there are no plans for any government compensation.

He described the losses to the necessity of importing high-priced West German equipment because of Saudi insistence on German specifications.

There have been reports in the Western press that China is willing to sustain such operating losses as a matter of policy so as to keep vital its long-standing relationship with what is now one of its strongest and most steadfast allies. But Chang said that Chinese participation in the Saudi economy is of long-term benefit to both countries.

Chang and Sun will propose an increase in direct oil sales from



Chang Kwang-shi

Petromin to the state-owned China Petroleum Corporation from the present 20,000 barrels a day, apparently to 60,000 barrels a day.

Almost 80 per cent of Taiwan's fuel must be imported and the annual bill for imported oil is around \$3 billion. Industry accounts for 60 per cent of imports a far higher percentage than in Europe or the United States.

Plans are still being drawn up for what will be the largest Chinese project in Saudi Arabia, a \$300 million, 500,000 tons a day of urea fertilizer plant in Jubail.

It is to be built as a joint venture between the Taiwan Fertilizer Company and the Saudi Basic Industries Corporation. The design contract was awarded to an American firm last week.

Taiwan Fertilizer will be responsible for the initial operation of the plant on completion of construction in 1982. The company has agreed to market 60 per cent of the plant's production. Most of this will presumably be used in Taiwan.

The China Petroleum Corporation plans to build a small pilot plant to produce single-cell protein, a valuable component of animal feed. Single-cell protein is one by-product of methanol, which will soon be manufactured in great quantities from the natural gas collected in the Eastern Province.

China Petroleum is working on this project with researchers at the Saudi Arabian Center for Science and Technology (SANCT).

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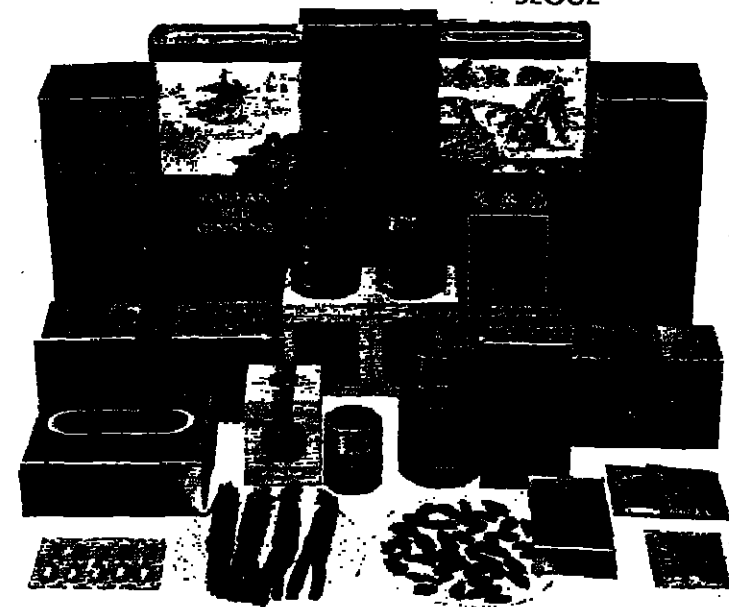
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Proportional representation

Zia introduces new voting system

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 14 (R) — Pakistan's military ruler, Gen. Zia-ul-Haq, has declared that parliamentary elections planned for Nov. 17 would be based on proportional representation.

A presidential order which came into immediate effect dramatically amended the country's 1972 constitution which had enshrined the straight majority system for the 200 seats in Pakistan's National Assembly.

Thursday's declaration totally ignored the opinion of the country's politicians, who had opposed Gen. Zia's earlier proposal to introduce proportional representation for half the parliamentary seats and leave the remainder for election on the straight majority.

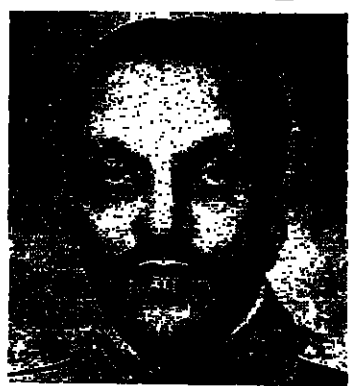
Zia's latest move is likely to

cause an uproar and further confuse the political parties which have been left guessing about his political intentions for the past two years.

Zia was given limited power to amend the constitution by the supreme court soon after toppling the late Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in July 1977. But the politicians have drawn the line at any majority constitutional changes, particularly concerning elections.

According to the constitution, a two-thirds majority is needed in the National Assembly before changes can be made.

The new voting system will cut substantially the chances of a single party winning a majority. Like most of Zia's measures it



Zia-ul-Haq

seems aimed particularly at Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party, which has enjoyed a big resurgence of national support since the former premier was

executed in Rawalpindi on April 4 for his involvement in a political killing in 1974.

Zia refers frequently to his wish to hand over power to a civilian government, but has insisted that they be responsible and pious men, faithful followers of Islam who respect the ideology of Pakistan.

He has already introduced new restrictions on political parties which give the country's election commission power to outlaw any party which brings Pakistan's armed forces into dispute and which allegedly works against the ideology of Pakistan, an undefined phrase which apparently refers to the country's foundation as an Islamic republic.

Constituency boundaries will remain the same. But a vote for a candidate will be taken as a vote for his party. The results will be frozen until the total votes obtained by each party in Pakistan's four provinces have been calculated and the comparative percentage worked out.

Seats will be allowed to a party candidate on a merit system based on his personal voting percentage. In this way, a candidate could win the election in a constituency but not be given a seat because his party had filled its seat entitlement.

In constituencies where the winning candidate cannot be elected because his party does not have the sufficient proportion of votes, the next-placed candidate belonging to another party will be considered for election and so on.

U.S. continues talks with Turkey on spy planes to monitor SALT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (R) — The State Department has said talks were continuing about a U.S. proposal to send U-2 spy planes over Turkish airspace to monitor Soviet compliance with the SALT II treaty.

Answering reporters' questions, spokesman Hodding Carter

Thursday denied press reports that the United States had given up plans for the U-2 flights.

Under discussion "The subject is still under discussion in diplomatic channels," he said. "It follows from that that it has not been dropped."

At the same time, other sources said Thursday the Carter administration was exploring use of another type of aircraft with Turkey to verify Soviet compliance with terms of the recently completed strategic arms limitation treaty.

Different way "It may involve or go beyond U-2's but would be done in a somewhat different way technically or mechanically," a source said.

Washington asked Ankara for permission to overfly Turkish territory about six months ago to obtain data about Soviet missile tests that previously was collected from monitoring stations in Iran, closed since the Iranian revolution earlier this year.

Basic points But before agreeing to the U.S. request for use of its airspace Ankara asked Washington to clarify "several basic points, according to a senior Turkish diplomat in Washington.

Turkey sought an assurance that the flights would be regarded by both sides as conforming to agreed definitions of treaty verification and to the letter and spirit of the treaty.

The diplomat said Turkey had not yet received a formal reply.

Leak U.S. sources said Wednesday that the leak of the plan to U.S. news media before there had been sufficient opportunity to discuss it with Moscow may have made it impossible to carry out.

Soviet newspaper praises Iran rule under Khomeini

MOSCOW, Sept. 14 (AP) — Soviet confusion over how to assess the Iranian revolution showed itself again Thursday in a generally positive report in the government newspaper "Izvestia."

In a dispatch from Tehran, the paper blamed Iran's economic turmoil on its pre-revolutionary ties to the West and the capitalists who have since left the country.

Eritreans repel Ethiopian attack

DAMASCUS, Sept. 14 (R) — Eritrean forces inflicted heavy casualties on Ethiopian forces in a battle Wednesday about 64 kilometers south of Asmara, the Eritrean news agency has said.

It said the battle began when Ethiopian forces tried to break the siege around them but failed. It added that the Ethiopians lost many soldiers, two tanks, five lorries and other military equipment in the seven-hour battle.

The latest report runs contrary to an "Izvestia" commentary Sept. 8 when Alexander Bovin, whose public comments are thought to reflect Kremlin thinking, said the Iranian revolution had collapsed into economic chaos, political repression and ethnic suppression.

Bovin said "One cannot deny the positive role of the Iranian religious leaders in the anti-Shah revolution ... but one can obviously doubt that the theocratic conception of the state will help Iran become a modern and flourishing country."

Thursday's "Izvestia" article, however, praises Iran's direction under revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini. The report admits Iran is having economic problems but blames them on the Shah's former ties to the West.

The report concludes that "The Soviet people ... realize the difficulties with which the revolution in Iran is faced and sincerely hope the friendly Iranian people can solve their problems."



Ahmad Ben Bella

Ben Bella not freed, says lawyer

PARIS, Sept. 14 (R) — Former Algerian President Ahmad Ben Bella was still being held against his will in a guarded villa more than two months after Algerian authorities announced his release, his French lawyer has said.

Ben Bella was living in a guarded villa southeast of Algiers which his lawyer, Madeleine Lafue Veron, described as a "kind of improved prison."

The Algerian authorities announced on July 4 that Algeria's first president had been freed after 14 years' detention.

Mrs. Lafue Veron said Thursday that, according to a very reliable source, Ben Bella, 62, had asked in vain to be allowed to visit his mother's grave, to go to Mecca and to see his lawyer.

Guards from the military police are posted in the cellar and they check the identity of all visitors," the lawyer said.

She added that letters addressed to Ben Bella are censored or blocked, the telephone is bugged, and calls filtered.

Ben Bella was jailed in 1965 after he was overthrown by his then defense minister, the late President Houari Boumedienne.

His French lawyer said that, despite his living conditions, Ben Bella's morale was good.

Ben Bella's 32-year-old wife, who is living with the former president and their two adopted daughters in the villa, was allowed to travel occasionally to Algiers, the lawyer said.

Nigeria said resuming oil to Chad

LAGOS, Sept. 14 (AP) — Nigeria has resumed oil shipments to Chad, according to a report Thursday in the Nigerian Daily Times.

Its correspondent in Maiduguri said that long lines of oil tankers have recently been seen passing the town of Gavbogu Ngala on the Chadian border.

Nigeria in July cut off the supply of its oil to the government of Goukouni Oueddi and Hissane Habre, leaders of two of the northern guerrilla factions who in April wrested control of the capital, N'Djamena, from a government of national unity created in March at an all-party conference in the Nigeria city of Kano.

The guerrillas then demanded that Nigeria withdraw the peacekeeping troops introduced as part of the Kano accord. This led in turn to the oil cutoff.

J. Jackson to discuss 'quest for homeland' with PLO chairman

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (AP) — American civil rights leader Jesse Jackson says he has accepted an invitation to meet with the Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization Yasser Arafat to discuss the group's "quest for a homeland."

Jackson said at a news conference Thursday he also hopes to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, perhaps within a month, before he travels to Beirut to see Arafat.

"I am convinced that America must move immediately to recognize the PLO as a legitimate organization, an umbrella organization, just as it is recognized by 115 nations around the world," Jackson said after meeting for 30 minutes with Zehdi Terzi, the Palestinian observer at the United Nations.

The meeting was held in the office of Representative Paul Findley, Republican of Illinois, who has introduced a number of pro-PLO resolutions in the House and recently urged Arafat to come to the United States to appear on national television. Jackson said he met earlier in the day with Israeli Ambassador Ephraim Evron.

Jackson, who was an aide to the late Rev. Martin Luther King and now heads a Chicago-based civil rights organization, said he is "concerned about Israel's security, its right to exist."

"We have a moral commitment to Israel and substantial financial investment in Israel," he said.

But he said Americans must recognize "the human rights of the Palestinian people."

"Their quest for a homeland is a legitimate quest," Jackson said.

"Their propaganda destroying Israel is not a legitimate quest."

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Lauds Lagos return to civilian rule

Young given hearty welcome in Cameroon

YAOUNDE, Cameroon Sept. 14 (AP) — Andrew Young, outgoing U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, arrived Thursday in Cameroon to the most triumphant welcome so far of his African tour.

Hundreds of people greeted the ambassador at the port city of Douala, where Young and his delegation of businessmen changed planes, and thousands lined the busy streets of this interior capital.

For days, newspapers and radio had blared the news of Young's arrival, and Thursday's papers carried tributes to the ambassador, his opening to Africa and detailed stories of his career.

It was Young's first visit to Cameroon, a small central African nation that has made impressive



Andrew Young achievements in development despite a cultural, ethnic and geographic diversity that has crushed many a better-endowed

young state.

Located at the geographical and racial crossroads of Africa, Cameroon is a microcosm of the entire continent. It has about 200 tribes speaking 24 major languages; its population of 7.8 million is about equally divided among Muslims and Christians. It is the only African state where both French and English are official languages, and its geography ranges from coastal jungles through savannas to semi-arid desert.

Despite this, Cameroon has enjoyed political stability under President Ahmadou Ahidjo, who has led the country with a tough but benign hand since independence in 1960.

The country has made moderate but steady progress, boasting

one of the education systems in black Africa, a diversified agriculture, and even, since 1978, its own oil.

The economy has in the past been closely linked to France. But the stability of the government — Ahidjo is only 54 — and the steadily improving infrastructure has drawn the interest of other Western states.

They Young party flew to Yaounde after a hectic day in Lagos, the Nigerian capital, where Young met both the president-elect, Shehu Shagari, and the outgoing military head of state, Lt. Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo.

In a brief meeting with reporters, Shagari urged greater U.S. investments in oil-rich Nigeria and pledged to follow the moderate and free enterprise-oriented policies of the military government. He said his administration would emphasize agriculture and economic self-sufficiency.

The Nigerian visit ended with a banquet hosted by the Nigerian-American Chamber of Commerce, at which Young launched into the combination of preaching, joking and cajoling that is the hallmark of his popularity in Africa.

He urged a redress of the U.S. trade balance with Nigeria. "We're in to you for five billion dollars and frankly we aim to get even."

He also lauded Nigeria's transition to civilian rule after 13 years of military government.

After Nigerian students arrested

Diplomatic contacts begin in Brasilia

BRASILIA, Sept. 14 (AP) — The Nigerian ambassador to Brazil, Timothy Mgborkwere, has visited the foreign ministry here to deal with the recent arrest and alleged mistreatment of four Nigerian students Monday in Rio de Janeiro.

After a meeting Wednesday at the ministry's consular department, Mgborkwere said, "I prefer to make no comment on the matter. We will deal with the incident

through diplomatic channels."

The students were arrested on the campus of the State University of Rio de Janeiro as robbery suspects but immediately released by police when it was learned they were foreigners and students, according to newspaper accounts.

The four men, identified in local press reports as Huhiey Olatunji, Joseph Olatunji, Sule Oladejo and Bashiru Adamson, sent a letter to Mgborkwere asking for his intervention in the case.

Another Nigerian student, Kadri Ajileye, told reporters in Rio de Janeiro he suspected the arrests were motivated by racism on the part of police.

A foreign ministry spokesman, Bernardo Pricas, said only, "We are consulting on the matter."

In press interviews in Rio de Janeiro, Ajileye said he and other Nigerian students fear Brazilian police, whom he said frequently harass black students.



CONDOLENCES: Former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi signs a condolence book recently for Lord Mountbatten, the British statesman who was assassinated by IRA terrorists late last month.

Fallout from Nicaragua strikes Baby Doc's Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Sept. 14 (OFNS) — "Baby Doc," Haiti's 26-year-old "president for life," is beginning to feel the shock waves caused by the overthrow of the right-wing Somoza regime in Nicaragua.

The eight-year-old dynastic rule of Jean-Claude Duvalier — after 14 years of rule by his father "Papa Doc" — appears on the surface to be as strong as ever. But the tremors caused by the Nicaraguan revolution have hit this impoverished Caribbean island — the poorest country in Latin America — and reportedly are causing "Baby Doc" to consider whether it might be wise for him to renounce his lifelong title and submit himself to a popular vote.

Hurricane David, which raged late last month through the Caribbean, killing more than 1,000 people in the neighboring Dominican Republic, missed Haiti, apart from the northern town of Cap Hatien.

A potentially more destructive political hurricane is in the making. It could blow not just from

Nicaragua but from Cap Hatien itself, where a retired customs official, Alexandre Lerouge, was elected as an independent in February's grossly rigged elections. Since then he has become something of a symbol for the mounting discontent, heightened by the events in Nicaragua.

Lerouge is a nondescript little man in his sixties who was once dubbed "Perpetual Motion" by "Papa Doc," as he kept bouncing back after being beaten up and imprisoned (eight times).

He is the only non-supporter of the government in the name National Assembly. Although he has remained fairly quiet, "Baby Doc" is worried about his capacity to create trouble and keeps his house under constant guard.

"Baby Doc" cannot make up his mind that to do about Haiti's clamor for democracy. Bearing in mind what happened to Somoza and his attempts to crush popular feeling, "Baby Doc" is permitting far more criticism of his rule than was ever allowed by his father.

With Russia and Cuba

Addis vows to help 'oppressed peoples'

NAIROBI, Sept. 14 (AP) — Ethiopia has celebrated the fifth anniversary of the ouster of the late Emperor Haile Selassie and declared its willingness to join Cuba and the Soviet Union in aiding the struggle of "oppressed peoples," official Ethiopian Radio reported.

Ethiopian strongman Lt. Col. Mengistu Haile-Mariam, speaking at a huge public rally in Addis Ababa's Revolution Square Thursday, made the declaration in the presence of Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin, the guest of honor.

Radio Ethiopia, in its broadcast monitored in Nairobi, said Mengistu told the rally that Ethiopia was willing to contribute its share to the struggle of oppressed peoples, just as "comrades" from the Soviet Union, Cuba and South Yemen fulfilled their "international duties" during the 1977-78 Ethiopian-Somali Ogaden war.

Mengistu did not elaborate on exactly what role his Marxist government would play with the Soviet Union and Cuba in Africa, but Cuba and the Soviets lavished enormous amount of military aid on Ethiopia during its war with Somalia over the Ogaden in 1977.

Cuban soldiers reportedly fought alongside Ethiopian troops during the conflict and the Soviet Union sent millions of dollars of military equipment and more than 1,000 advisers to back up the Mengistu regime.

Addressing the rally in the Ethiopian capital Thursday,

Kosygin said the Communist Party and the Soviet people will continue to strengthen agreements with Ethiopia, the radio said.

The Soviet leader also emphasized that Moscow wanted to see independent African states become "truly" independent from "neo-colonialization," but added Soviet foreign policy was not based on self-interest or the desire for military bases on the African continent.

Ethiopia, located strategically along the Red Sea, a major artery for Middle East oil to Europe, moved from its pro-Western stance into the Soviet orbit after Marxist military personnel toppled the late emperor in a 1974 coup.

Between 17,000 to 20,000 Cuban troops and about 1,200 Soviet advisers are currently stationed in Ethiopia, Western sources believe.

Turning to continuing guerrilla activity in the Ogaden region, Mengistu Thursday warned "expansionist" powers that Ethiopia will reciprocate if its borders and national integrity were undermined.

But added he was "not threatening" anyone.

Mengistu's warning was apparently aimed at neighboring Somalia, Ethiopia's traditional enemy on the horn of Africa, which supports guerrillas of the Western Somali Liberation Front (WSLF) who are fighting the Ethiopian army and Cuban troops in the region to wrest control of the Ogaden from Addis Ababa regime.

Missing may be assumed legally dead in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 14 (AP) — The military regime in Argentina, where thousands of political suspects have disappeared, has decreed a law enabling judges to declare them legally dead without an official explanation of their arrests.

The law took effect Wednesday during a two-week visit by the Inter-American Human Rights Commission, which is trying to determine how many of the Argentines reported missing since 1975 are being held in secret interrogation centers.

The three-man military junta claims most of the "desaparecidos" died in combat or went underground during the mid-1970s guerrilla war.

The law allows a judge to declare a missing person dead if the family or the government requests him to do so, and if 90 days later there is no evidence that the person is alive.

Under the old law, this took five years, and in the meantime the missing person's spouse could not collect his pension, remarry or take the children out of Argentina.

The measure drew sharp criticism from Argentina's civil rights

groups, the Peronist Party, the Vatican and the governments of Sweden and France after the military publicly proposed it three weeks ago.

Opponents of the law fear the government will use it to have judges declare all "desaparecidos" dead and foreclose their families' constitutional right to trace them, and their captors, through the courts.

"The government must make it abundantly clear that this legislation will do nothing of the kind and is not in itself evidence that the people who fall within it are in fact dead," the Buenos Aires Herald said in an editorial Thursday.

It is possible that some of the "desaparecidos," especially the 10 who vanished last month, are still alive," the editorial said. "The law, as it stands, will inevitably encourage their captors to assume that, as they are officially deemed to be dead anyway, there is no reason to keep them alive."

The commission has interviewed about 508 prisoners released after detention in clandestine cells. It will try to locate these jails later this week, civil rights sources said.

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China says Soviets, Cuba failed to change nonaligned

TOKYO, Sept. 14 (AP) — China said Friday that Soviet and Cuban attempts to change the nonaligned movement's fundamental principles at the recent Havana summit ended in failure.

The statement was in an editorial of the *People's Daily* newspaper of the Communist Party.

The editorial distributed by the Xinhua news agency and monitored here said "a notable achievement of the sixth nonaligned summit is that in its 'political declaration' it upheld the fundamental principles of the nonaligned movement and thus frustrated the attempt of the Soviet lackey, Cuba, to align the movement with the Soviet Union."

It said "on the eve of and during the summit, Soviet mouthpieces aligned China as trying to 'split' the nonaligned movement and, therefore, its 'deadly enemy'."

"But China's attitude toward the movement, as seen by all, is open and above-board and in line with the position of the great majority of the nonaligned countries firmly to maintain the fundamental principles of their movement," it said.

Here are excerpts of the editorial:

"The Cuban authorities' open challenge to the non-aligned movement at the summit in the service of Soviet social-imperialism was echoed by Vietnam and acclaimed by the Soviet Union. But it met with rebuff and opposition from most of the nonaligned countries."

"Through the persistent efforts by the majority of the nonaligned countries, important amendments were made to the summit's draft declaration which was full of 'Cuban ideology'."

"The political declaration adopted by the summit reaffirmed the fundamental principles of the nonaligned movement: opposi-

tion to superpower politics or bloc politics and to colonialism, imperialism, neo-colonialism, apartheid and all forms of aggression, occupation, intervention and hegemony."

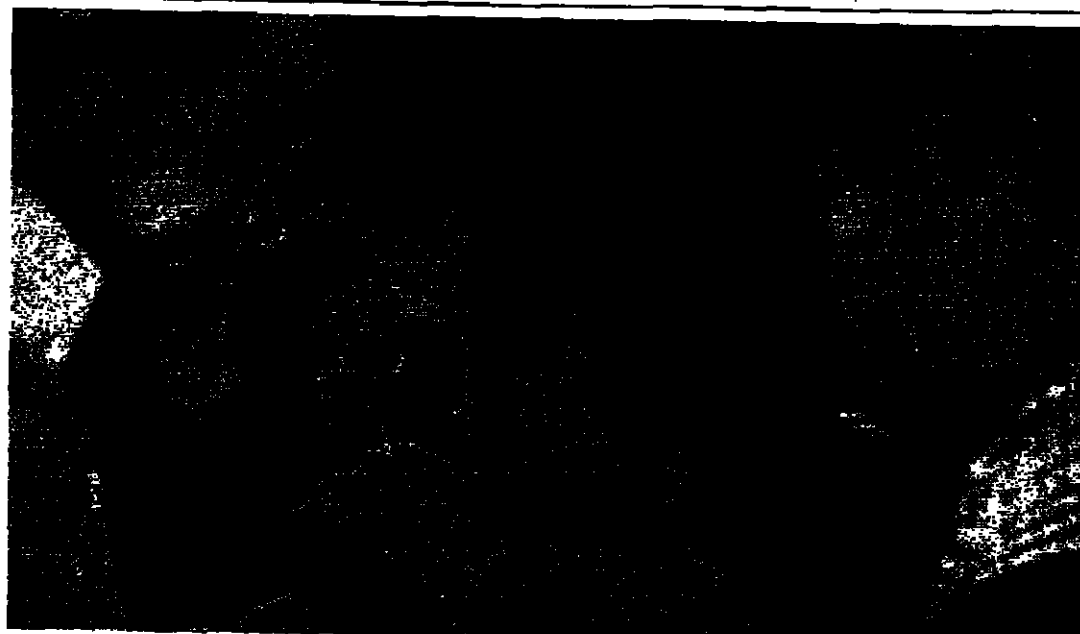
"Thus, the attempt of Cuba and the Soviet Union behind it to change the non-aligned movement's fundamental principles and its orientation ended in failure."

"The representation of Democratic Kampuchea (Cambodia) touched off a heated debate at the very beginning of the summit. Working hand in glove with Hanoi, Cuba arbitrarily manipulated the conference to bar the representative of Democratic Kampuchea from it and tried to install in the summit the Heng Samrin clique, the puppet of Vietnam, thereby legalizing Hanoi's aggression against Kampuchea."

To safeguard the fundamental principles of the nonaligned movement, numerous justice-upholding nonaligned states vehemently denounced Vietnam for its aggression against Kampuchea and declared that they do not recognize the situation in Kampuchea created by foreign military intervention."

"Some pointed out that Cuba's prevention of the representative of Democratic Kampuchea from attending the summit has created a serious precedent of violating all the rules and procedures of the nonaligned movement. Thanks to the resistance of many nonaligned states, the puppet Phnom Penh regime's representative was unable to take part in the conference."

"The Havana summit also served to make many nonaligned countries see more clearly the true colors of the so-called 'nonaligned' Cuba and Vietnam and also realize their own strength of unity in struggle. This is a good thing."



CAMBODIAN DELEGATE SPEAKS: The delegate of the Heng Samrin regime of Cambodia to the nonaligned summit held in Cuba recently addresses newsmen. She told the press that the Pol Pot regime had killed 3 million people. Delegates at the summit debated which regime was legitimately entitled to represent the people of Cambodia. Neither was allowed in Thursday China lauded the conference for not bowing to pressure from Soviet-backed Cuba to allow the Heng Samrin representative.

Hold mass meeting

Chinese dissidents voice gripes

PEKING, Sept. 14 (R) — About two dozen ragged peasants banded down Thursday outside the main gate of the central Peking compound which houses China's top leaders after a mass dissident meeting earlier in the day.

The peasants, the latest in a series of similar groups of petitioners from rural areas who have demonstrated outside the Zhongnanhai Compound recently, sat and lay quietly around the gate as police and military guards watched over them and kept on-lookers away. Earlier Thursday about 1,000 people attended a meeting in Tian An-Men Square, in the center of the city, at which speakers called for more freedoms in China and more humane treatment of the thousands of petitioners who are in Peking seeking redress for their personal grievances.

One speaker complained about police harassment of the petitioners, while another said the main contradiction in Chinese society at present was between "the leadership living in luxury and the poor masses who cannot even get a piece of bread to eat."

Last week, the official Xinhua news agency, quoting reliable sources, announced that a team of officials was being organized to

investigate the problems of the petitioners, many of whom, it said, were victims of false charges laid by the so-called "Gang of Four" radicals purged in 1976.

It said that only a few of the demands by the petitioners were unreasonable, and blamed the situation on local officials who had "delayed or even blocked the solution of their problems."

Bid to wipe out illiteracy failing

PARIS, Sept. 14 (AP) — The battle to eradicate illiteracy from the world is losing ground against the tide of population growth, and though the percentage of people unable to read and write is dwindling, UNESCO figures show their actual number is increasing at a rapid rate.

Amadou Mahtar M'Bow, director-general of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), reported this week that the rate of illiteracy has fallen from 32.4 per cent in 1970 to a projected 28.9 per cent in 1980. But the actual number has increased from 742 million to 814 million.

If current trends continue, M'Bow said, there will be 954 million adult illiterates by the next century.

An even more startling figure is that women make up more than 60 per cent of the illiterates, and in some communities, illiteracy among women is nearly total.

"Illiteracy is closely tied to poverty," M'Bow said during a speech marking the 14th International Literacy Day. "Throughout the world the illiterates are the poor, or make up poor societies. But illiteracy is not only an effect of misery, it is also one of the causes."

M'Bow launched a new appeal to member states to redouble their efforts to prepare a plan for the elimination of illiteracy in the next decade.

"All teachers, all students in the

countries concerned must mobilize for such a task. Every person knowing how to read and write must take it upon himself to teach at least two or three others to read and write," he said.

UNESCO officials are the first to admit that the problem of illiteracy means different things in different countries.

While the problem is small in the United States and most efforts are directed at what is often termed "functional illiteracy", or the inability to perform certain basic tasks, such people would be considered well educated in other countries.

And, UNESCO officials say, some populations have more urgent educational priorities. The need to learn such things as proper

herd management techniques may be much more pressing to a nomad than the ability to read and write. On the other hand, as the number of nomadic people grows, more and more turn to a settled life and the need for literacy increases.

"Literacy is an element of development and development cannot succeed if it is not accompanied by literacy," said Ruth Lazarus, chief of UNESCO's literacy activities section.

UNESCO does not operate literacy programs, but cooperates with member countries seeking aid. Its role, Ms. Lazarus said, is helping in exchange programs, research and materials.

But each society has problems unique to it.

House supports Carter's \$33b MX deployment plan

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (R) — The House of Representatives Thursday strongly supported President Jimmy Carter's \$33 billion plan to deploy a mobile nuclear missile, the MX, to prevent an enemy sneak attack.

By successive 305 to 86 and 289 to 84 votes, the House rejected moves to prune \$670 million from the program and limit the number of missiles allowed in any one state.

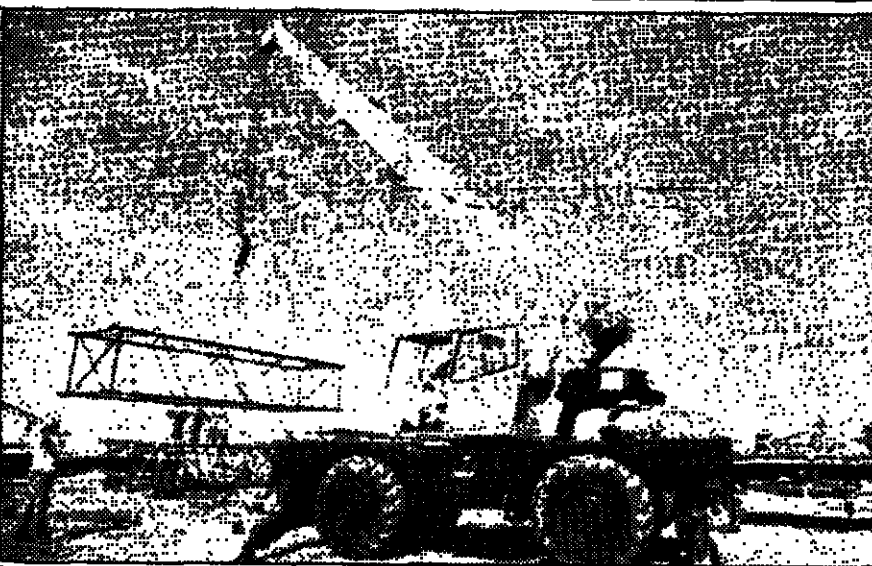
The moves came from amendments to the proposed \$42.1 billion defense authoriza-

tion for the 1980 financial year starting Oct. 1, which the House is considering.

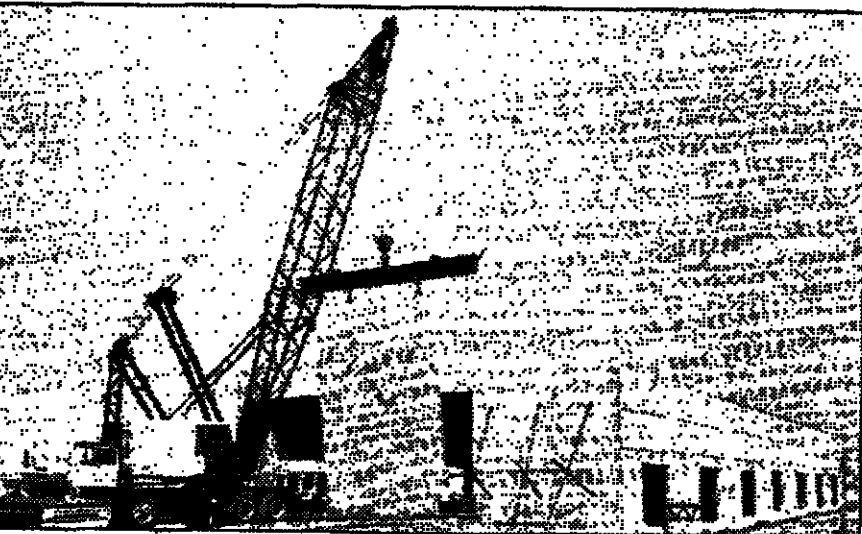
However, by a voice vote the House approved an amendment requiring the Pentagon to report by next March 1 on the vulnerability to a sneak attack of the proposed system of multiple protective shelters.

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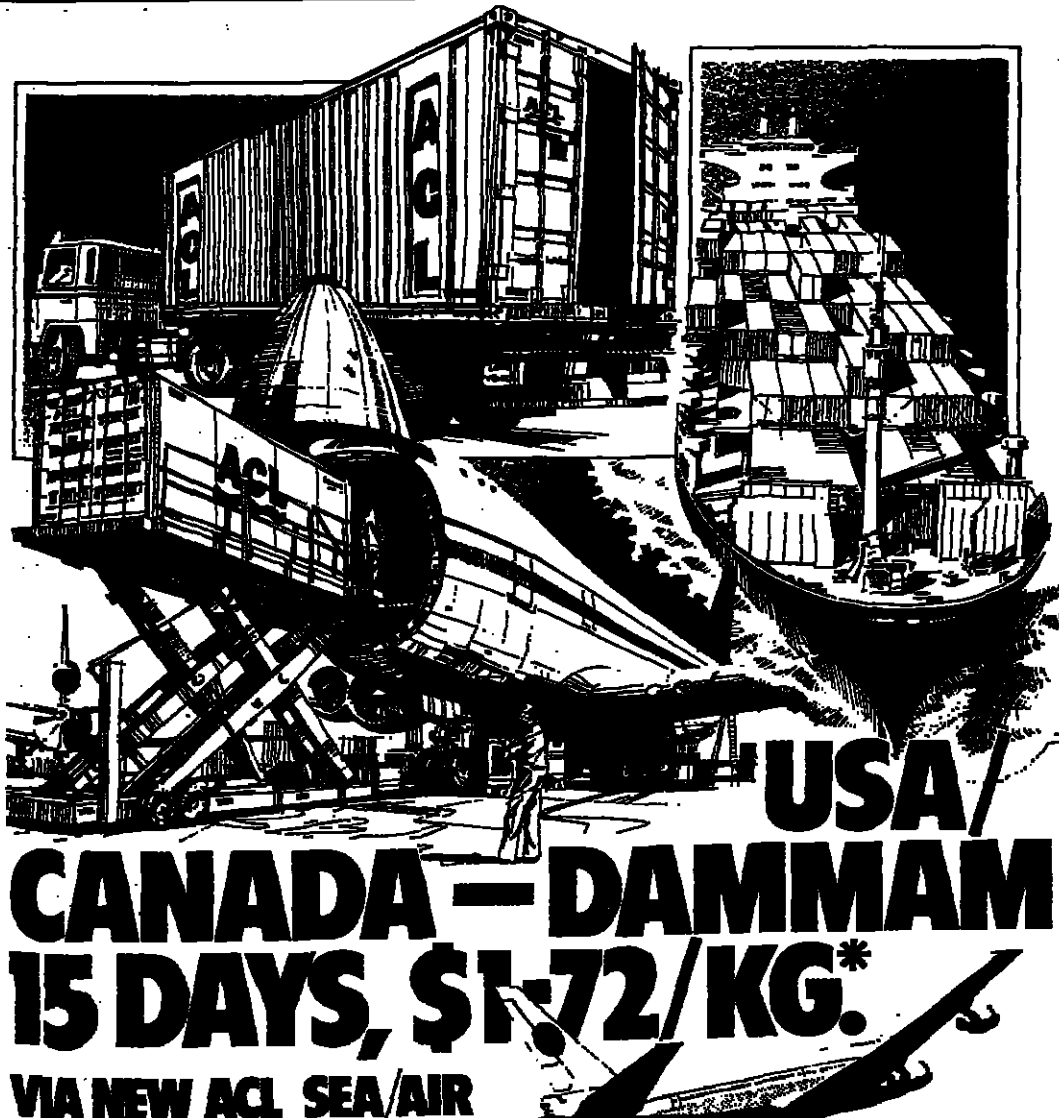
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Deadline nears for Carter to save himself

By Anthony Holden

WASHINGTON —

Just before noon on September 5 the 96th Congress enacted its first piece of legislation in what should prove a momentous autumn. On the motion of Sen. Thomas Eagleton of Missouri, the United States Senate unanimously adopted a resolution commending Lou Brock, outfielder for the St. Louis Cardinals, for his services to baseball.

It seems unlikely that other items on the Congressional agenda — the President's energy proposals, the 1980 budget, ratification of the SALT II treaty — will be handled with such commendable despatch. The motion canonising Brock, indeed, came as the climax to an indecisive debate on the Soviet military presence in Cuba.

It was recently calculated that the average Congressman has 11 minutes a day in which to think. The 96th Congress has little legislative achievement to show for the other 1,429. Yet the identity of the next President of the United States seems most likely to be determined by the activity, or lack of it, on Capitol Hill in the period before Christmas.

With the death throes of Hurricane David, which had the nation's capital awash, autumn has come suddenly to Washington — and with it the official opening of the 1980 election campaign. Jimmy Carter, it is generally reckoned, has between 60 and 90 days to save his presidency from oblivion.

It is only five weeks before the first caucuses will be held in Florida, to select delegates to the state's straw-poll convention in mid-November, a full year ahead of the election itself. Carter spent part of his 'vacation' making speeches in Florida 10 days ago, consciously omitting to mention the fact, known to him for 48 hours, that a brigade of Russian troops were on exercises just 90 miles away.

Carter, to put it plainly, can forget Florida. The more significant Iowa caucuses, however, are only two months later, in mid-January. And the sequence of state primaries, at 35 the longest in American electoral history, gets under way in New Hampshire on February 26.

By then, the president's fate will have been decided on Capitol Hill. If, before Christmas, he can win his 'windfall' profits tax and the strategic arms treaty, he will have an even chance of re-election. If inflation can be reduced to single figures, the recession contained, and fuel supplies somehow kept adequate, it will be better than even.

Most of those ifs are dependent upon a Congress which had at the last count deserted him. But Carter's hope, and it is a substantial one, is that public opinion will force Congress to push through some, or all of those measures in its own electoral interests. Twenty-four Democratic Senators are up for re-election next year, many in tight races.

Divining all this, and knowing full well the advantages of incumbency, Carter has sensibly lowered his sights. The tax and the treaty, he believes, will be enough to save him (just as his loss would prove his undoing). To his continuing surprise, the events of the summer have done him nothing but harm.

The retrospective verdicts are as follows. The Camp David 'domestic summit', indecision. The mass cabinet resignation: panic, with propagandist overtones. The elevation of Hamilton Jordan: misjudgment. The 'firing' of Andrew Young: wasteful capitulation to a powerful political lobby. The Mississippi River cruise: dereliction of duty. The 'killer rabbit' attack: which one was the rabbit?

Against all this, Carter has history on his side. No President who has sought re-election this century has failed to win it. Strong challenges to an incumbent, from many lesser men than Edward Kennedy, have invariably presented the White House to the other party. That was how Carter himself won it in 1976, after Gerald Ford had expended his limited energies fighting off Ronald Reagan.

Carter, moreover, will not let early primary defeats deter him. His political hero, Harry Truman, bowed out early in 1952 after suffering just the kind of humiliations Carter will suffer next year, as did Lyndon Johnson in 1968. Neither could quite match the stubbornness, missionary self-confidence and appetite for power which will keep Jimmy Carter in the race.

Sen. George McGovern is now reputedly canvassing support, and a movement is growing to persuade Carter to abdicate in favour of Vice President Walter Mondale, who has managed to emerge unscathed from the Administration's long, hot summer. Gov. Jerry Brown's challenge was launched in New Hampshire on September 2. But only Kennedy would pose a serious threat.

The Republicans are in untimely disarray over the vast choice of candidates before them, and seem likely to remain so until the unimpeachable ballot of their convention next August. Reagan, still the front-runner, is ahead of Carter in the polls. But so is Sen. Howard Baker, of whom another poll showed that half the country had never heard.

So Carter cannot be written off, however, with every day that passes, he continues to make bold attempts at political suicide. — (OFNS)



If words were money, Nicaragua would be rich

By Karen Deyoung

MANAGUA —

While Latin America's diverse and often squabbling family of nations has provided a high level of political support for the new Nicaraguan government, the financial help that the revolution needs more desperately has been slow in coming.

Since taking power July 20, officials of the government appointed by the Sandinista guerrillas have spent a large part of their time receiving delegations from nearly every Latin country as well as others from throughout the world.

Most of the visitors have offered approval in varying degrees of the way Nicaragua is moving and nodded concern over the economic emergency. Few, however, have taken out their checkbooks.

"The aid from Latin America," a foreign diplomat said, "has been embarrassingly small."

Although some countries have extended import and development loans and credits, the diplomat said, "it's all been on semi-hard to hard terms" — with early repayment dates and high interest. "Nobody is doing them any favors."

If present plans work out, by far the biggest aid donor to Nicaragua will be the United States. Thus far, Washington has distributed approximately \$ 7 million in emergency food and medical supplies.

In development and reconstruction assistance, the U.S. Agency for International Development hopes quickly to disburse as much as \$ 30 million in aid that was originally destined for Nicaragua but was withheld from the government of former President Anastasio Somoza.

Aid has proposed a \$ 10 million grant — "as much as we could scrape together from every nook and cranny" toward the end of the fiscal year, said an official — to help with immediate government cash needs. Soft-term loans through commodity grains distributed under the U.S. food for peace program are also proposed.

"A very substantial" balance-of-payments credit reportedly is under White House review to allow import of high-priority American items such as fertilizer and farm equipment.

But such programs are expected to run into trouble in the House Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Foreign Operations.

In hearings scheduled for this month, the subcommittee wants to discuss the revolution's politics. The fear here is that Somoza's friends in Congress, including committee member Charles Wilson, D-Texas, will convince Congress that the Nicaraguan government is too leftist to deserve U.S. aid.

The case that aid and the State Department will be making is that the best way to ensure democracy in Nicaragua is to give the financially strapped government some economic breathing room. At the same time, the United States wants to give Nicaraguan business an opportunity to get back on its feet before its current paralysis becomes permanent.

In both political and economic terms, said a visiting official of an international bank, "we have to give this country a chance. If it has to fail, let it fail on its own failures, not because of us."

So far, the government junta has expropriated Somoza-related property amounting to more than 160 companies and farms, nationalized the banking system and established control over import and export transactions. All of those moves are relatively common in Latin America.

But many Nicaraguans in both the private and government sectors agree that if "massive" outside help does not arrive soon, unemployment, hunger and national debt will force the state to take an even more active role.

In a meeting with 17 member nations of the Latin American Economic System (SELA) two weeks ago, the government painted a pessimistic picture.

According to its planning ministry, headed by former Central American Common Market Director Roberto Mayorga, Nicaragua's reserves when Somoza left amounted to \$ 3.5 million — about enough to pay for two days' worth of imports in normal times. Capital flight during 1978 and the first half of this year exceeded \$ 550 million.

The government has announced it will pay all debts contracted by the Somoza government with the exception of two weapons contracts with Israel and Argentina. Debt service is expected to total \$ 800 million by next year.

The balance-of-payments deficit for the end of 1979 could run as high as \$ 1 billion. The gross national product has sunk 25 per cent, with per capita income down to 1962 levels.

This means Nicaragua has little cash to meet immediate expenses, and no way to repay outside banks — from which it now needs credit

more than ever. For a country that imports most of its consumer goods, the debt and future credit situation is critical. Virtually no goods have been imported in the past three months. Nicaragua is living on inventories that local economists estimate will be exhausted in a month.

Western aid experts believe the existing commercial debt can be easily renegotiated following recent International Monetary Fund approval of a \$ 21 million loan. "The best way to establish credit worthiness," one aid expert said, "is to be on good terms with the IMF."

At the same time, the Inter-American Development Bank has made assistance to Nicaragua a high priority. An estimated \$ 186 million in IDB funds for specific development projects is expected to be made available.

But while development projects help over the long term, local economists say the biggest need is for cash.

The business community, anxious to assert itself and concerned that loans to the government will take too long to filter down, has launched its own appeal for foreign aid.

Nicaraguan business leaders are to travel to U.S. and other foreign banks to reaffirm lines of private credit and "convince them that Nicaragua is not a high-risk area," as one of them put it.

At the recent SELA meeting here, according to a number of informed observers, the Latin American representatives met the aid appeal with "lots of throat clearing and stares at the table."

While Costa Rica, El Salvador and Guatemala each offered \$ 25 million lines of credit, the terms were nonconcessional. Brazil, Uruguay, Haiti and Argentina said they would study the situation and let the government know.

Venezuela, which is still considering a Nicaraguan proposal for two years' worth of cheap oil, has advanced money on what one diplomat described as "semi-hard" terms, offered to buy some Nicaraguan beef and donated 52 scholarships and "one million notebooks pencils" along with other school equipment.

The offers, a Latin American banking official said, "were a small opening of the door. But then, what can you expect from a lot of nearly bankrupt countries, and some dictatorships that were ready to support Somoza two months ago?" — (WP)

A DEVIOUS START

It can be said with certainty that all contacts, negotiations and fact finding missions in which the United States, Egypt and even Israel took part, all point to one thing. This is that the vast majority of Palestinians do not recognize any representative of themselves outside of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Members of the Washington administration have come to admit this fact, so far only in private. Egypt has seen no way around it, (hence, perhaps, Sadat's call on America to negotiate with the organization.) Israel, of course, is well aware of it but, for obvious reasons of its own, will never admit it.

After signing its peace treaty with Egypt, Israel sought to convince the United States of the existence of a viable alternative for PLO leadership among the Palestinians in the occupied territories. But this it has failed to substantiate, even though the sides concerned would deal with leaders of the second if not the third rank, so long as anyone was ready to deal.

Now that the United States is convinced, though still not "officially" that it is impossible to go on ignoring the PLO, it must find a way of including it in the current "autonomy" negotiations. It is probable that this will have an indirect, not to say devious start. The Americans do not want to antagonize the Israelis — at any rate not to antagonize more than they are antagonized at present.

This time around, United States envoy Robert Strauss made contacts with some well known Palestinian personalities in the occupied territories. This was a significant departure from the usual American and Israeli practice of promoting nonentities from the areas, in the hope that they will grow somehow into the stature of an alternative leadership.

Well informed American sources have confirmed that Strauss is avidly pursuing his government's efforts to find a way for real Palestinian participation. The personalities he contacted are all PLO sympathizers, and have always acted in concert with the organization. Thus, on the one hand, he has sidestepped the difficulty of American direct contact with the PLO, with the recognition this implies. On the other hand, the PLO is spared the embarrassment of acknowledging the seriousness of the "autonomy" negotiations, something which it has always denied.

The encouragement one could derive from this is vitiated by one consideration. The Begin government is adamant that Palestinian autonomy will be devoid of any real content. It is faced in this by an increasingly weakening Carter administration, owing to the approach of presidential elections in the country. Thus no positive development is to be expected from either Strauss's present Middle East visit, or from the "autonomy" talks themselves for the next few months.

To say this is not to deny all importance to the development. For the Palestinians, once such a process is underway, the question of recognition of their rights by the United States would quickly approach the point of no return. A re-elected Carter administration or a new one would find it hard to go back once the path has been opened.

CARTER'S NOSEDIVE

President Carter's situation is now that of a drowning man. Worse, it is that of a drowning man who, rather than having hands extended to help him, finds he is pushed mercilessly down and kept helplessly there. The president, barring a miracle, has little hope of re-election.

Problems fall thick and fast on the administration's head. The failure to confront them or resolve them is the outcome of the president's weakness, according to the growing band of his enemies. According to his fast-melting band of supporters, the cause has to be looked for in the intransigence and vehemence of the various lobbies which oppose him.

The president has tried to improve his image through initiatives and moves — the Camp David agreement comes to mind, then the signing of the SALT II agreement with the Soviets — whose propaganda value proved short lived.

Then came the direct blow to his electoral chances as the Young affair unfolded, with all what it meant to black America, the Democrats' traditional ally. And now, when it seemed that the president's fortunes could not sink lower, comes the so-called "second Cuban crisis," caused by the "discovery" of Soviet combat troops there.

To raise such matters now cannot but recall to people's mind the "first Cuban crisis" and how determinedly it was handled by the late John F. Kennedy. And this itself is enough to lend even more credence to Edward Kennedy's candidacy. The senator now is almost certain to run against the president; and the accepted wisdom is that the later Kennedy delays announcing his stand, the better it will be for the Republican candidate.

What is at stake for Arabs in the coming battle is the stand the final victor will take on the Middle East problem, especially in the present delicate and dangerous position caused by the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. But the Arabs have up to now made no moves one way or the other. The Israelis on the other hand, have been active as usual, playing each of the major candidates against the other to obtain the maximum and ensure themselves against all eventualities.

Newspapers this weekend led with King Khalid's audiences in Geneva, the visit of Prince Sultan to Austria, the Saudi-Kenyan joint communiqué after the departure of President Daniel Arap Moi from Saudi Arabia last Wednesday, the forthcoming visit to Jeddah of Nationalist Chinese Premier Yun-Suan Sun, and the Arab foreign ministers' meeting at the Arab League, next Tuesday, in which Prince Saud Al-Faisal will represent Saudi Arabia.

Other headlines covered Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat's tour of European capitals and his visit to Madrid, the expected recognition next week of the PLO by the European Economic Community (EEC), a European appeal to Israel to stop its attacks on South Lebanon, the expected intervention by a British Parliamentary

delegation to Farouk Kaddoumi, the head of the PLO's political wing, to visit London, and U.S. proposals to speed up the "autonomy" talks.

Al-Jazirah Friday underlined the international character of the crisis in Lebanon, saying that the big powers had turned that country into a real arena.

It said that for the Lebanese imbroglio to be solved the Middle East crisis will have to be solved first to put an end to the game of nations in this area.

It added that everytime an Arab formula was found, the big powers endeavored to play the various factions in Lebanon against each other and exacerbate tension to wreck the plan. The same happened whenever a Lebanese formula worked out by the Lebanese themselves was proposed.

The paper expressed its conviction

that both crises anyhow, the Middle East and the Lebanese, could be solved; "but why should the big powers be enthusiastic about settling either one, and why should they want peace in the area or stability in Lebanon?"

"The strategic objectives of the big powers in the Middle East rested with the turmoil and conflicting interests in the area," the paper concluded.

The same paper Thursday attacked those it called the three partners: Egypt, Israel and the United States for the great efforts they deployed these days to save "the deformed fetus, namely the so-called talks on the autonomy which must see the light, even if it will have to grow up as a paralytic child."

It said that "the three partners are trying to beat the clock before

the coming U.N. General Assembly which will be a landmark as it will seek an overall peace settlement through the world body, after recognizing legitimate Palestinian rights."

It added that the three partners wished to cut the grass under the General Assembly's feet to stop any U.N. attempt to adopt a resolution admitting that Palestinian rights were the core of the problem and the only way conducive to a peace settlement.

Al-Jazirah said that for Egypt and Israel, now isolated on both the regional and international spheres, the success of the process launched at Camp David was a matter of life or death.

It added that despite all the other ways opened by Arab and other world countries to break the Camp David deadlock, Camp

David remained a matter of prestige for the United States.

On the Washington visits of Egyptian Vice President Hosny Mubarak and Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizmann, the paper said that both countries were demanding some economic and military aid as an incentive to move one or two steps forward in the "autonomy talks."

Discussing the Saudi-Kenyan joint communiqué at the end of President Moi's visit to the Kingdom, Okaz said Thursday that Kenya joined in condemning Israel because of the identification between Africa and the Arab world. "The latter are both subjected to the same circumstances and extraneous ambitions and lust," it said.

It said that "the development of Africa needed cohesion among its

nations, hence the necessity to stay clear of big power rivalries which would sow dissension and shatter any hope of solidarity and progress. That precisely was what Saudi Arabia was trying to do by urging for conciliation among African states for the sake of inter-African and Afro-Arab cooperation," the paper concluded.

Al-Bilad described the Kenyan call for an immediate withdrawal of Israeli forces from all Arab territories occupied since 1967 and for international action to halt Israeli attacks on South Lebanon as yet another gain for the Arab cause. It said that through such gains in which Saudi Arabia was a major contributor, the Arab world could counter the Zionist moves at the international level to perpetuate the policy of occupation and aggression.

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A humble beverage of wide appeal

By Clare Kent

"If you are cold, it will warm you — if you are heated, it will cool you — if you are depressed, it will cheer you — if you are excited, it will calm you."

This was said by Mr. Gladstone, a British Prime Minister of the 19th century. He was not talking of some miracle drug, however, but of the Humble Beverage — tea.

Tea has long been "the cup that cheers" in Britain, and British workers could not exist without their "cuppa char." Tea-breaks are an essential institution in factories and offices. The British go home from work to their "tea," the evening meal of many, accompanied by a large cup of strong tea.

In Europe it is often thought that the British are the only tea drinkers in the world. This is very far from the truth. India, the largest tea producing country in the world today, exports two thirds of its product to 78 different countries.

Tea was in fact first discovered 5,000 years ago by the Emperor Shen Nung of China. It is said that the Emperor was traveling and, being very tired one day, he stopped to rest by the wayside. While resting he drank some water his servants had boiled for him. As he drank he realized that it was delicately flavored with something, and he found it very refreshing. Upon questioning his servants he discovered that some leaves from a nearby bush had accidentally fallen into the boiling water.

The Emperor was so pleased with the flavor and the restorative properties of the drink that he ordered the bush to be cultivated in large numbers. This was to be the start of tea drinking in many forms, throughout many countries, and over many centuries.

In China a delicate scented brew is served in tiny, handle-less, porcelain cups. In the Middle East, small glasses hold strong, hot sweet tea. In Britain, tea is served in larger china cups, with milk usually, and sugar to taste. Wherever people drink tea there are variations in the way they serve it.

The tea plantations of India were started up by the British after a Briton discovered a bush of the tea plant growing wild in the hills there. Tea was first introduced into England in the 17th century. Tea

drinking did not become a general habit, however, until Queen Victoria's reign in the 19th century. Then it became a social necessity to tea drinking, and tea parties were fashionable.

Most tea that people buy and drink is a blend of teas, and tea from India is usually included in good blends. Tea has various desirable qualities such as color, strength, flavor and pungency. Different areas in India produce different qualities. Darjeeling tea, for example, is known for its delicate aroma. It is grown on the lower slopes of the great Himalaya Mountains. Assam tea is grown along the valley of Brahmaputra River and is rich in color. In order to create good teas the various qualities must be skilfully blended together.

Everyone probably knows how to make tea of some sort. Here in Saudi Arabia it is better to use bottled water with the least flavor so it does not interfere with the taste of the tea. Always use freshly boiling water and use about one teaspoonful of tea per person (and one for the pot). Pour the boiling water onto the tea in the pot, then let the tea stand for a few minutes before pouring.

So, if you are feeling wilted, jaded, not your usual cheerful self in the long hot summer, try some "chi." Try it hot with milk, or lemon, or mint. Try it poured over ice. Or try it made into a punch or a pudding.

Fresh Fruit and Mint Tea Punch

- 1 pt. boiling water
- 1 1/2 tsp. tea
- 6 oz. sugar
- 4 pt. lemon juice
- 1/2 pt. orange juice
- Ice cubes
- 1 lemon, sliced
- 1 orange, sliced
- Mint leaves

Boil the water and pour onto the tea. Allow to brew for five minutes. Stir and strain into a bowl containing the sugar. Stir until the sugar is dissolved. Add juices. When ready to serve, pour over ice cubes in a punch bowl and add the sliced fruit.

Serves 10.

Hot Spiced Tea

- 1 pt. water
- A few cloves
- Small piece of cinnamon
- 3 tsp. tea
- 1 oz. sugar
- Juice of one orange
- Juice of 1/2 lemon

Add the spices to the water and bring to a boil. Pour onto the tea and allow to brew for five minutes. Stir and strain onto the sugar. Stir until dissolved. Add fruit juices. Serve with cinnamon sticks. Serves two.

Tea Ice Cream

- 1 pt. milk
- 1 vanilla pod
- 2 tsp. tea
- 4 eggs
- 6 oz. castor sugar
- 1/2 pt. cream

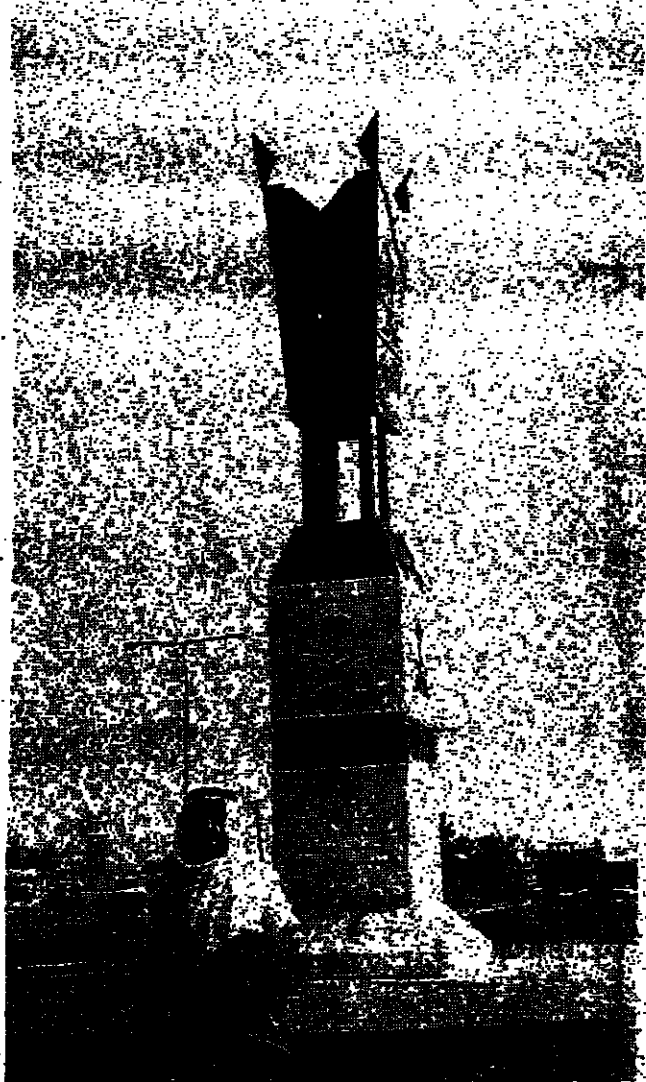
Bring the milk and vanilla pod to boiling point. Pour over tea, cover and allow to brew for five minutes. Then strain. Beat the eggs, add the castor sugar and continue beating until perfectly smooth. Stir in the prepared tea. Put this mixture into the top half of a double saucepan, place over boiling water and stir until mixture thickens. Strain into a basin and allow to cool. Whip the cream and stir into the cooled tea mixture. Freeze in the freezer.



Spiced tea, tea with fruit juice, tea with milk

Tea Jelly

- 2 lemons
 - pkt. lemon jelly
 - 1/4 pt. freshly brewed tea, strained.
 - Whipped cream to decorate
- Grate the skins of the lemons finely. Place the jelly in a measure and make up to one pint with the freshly brewed tea. Stir until dissolved, then cool. When slightly thickened, stir in the grated lemon peel and pour into a wetted one pint mould or individual moulds. Decorate with cream.



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RIYADH — Mohammad Saleem, "The Desert Painter," stands beside his creation of "The Censer," an Arabian incense burner sculpture commissioned by the Dong Ah Construction Com-

pany of Korea. The only monument of its kind, it stands 11 meters tall in the central plaza of the Riyadh Airport as a symbol of hospitality and welcome to all who enter the Saudi Arabian Kingdom. The bronze is brought from Greece and the base is of "Cararra" marble from Italy. The statue cost SR 500,000. — Joyce Prince.

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Fifteen Mediterranean countries were listed as taking part in the games in an official program issued Thursday night: Algeria, Egypt, Spain, France, Greece,

Martin Peters, the former England World Cup star who guides Norwich's midfield fortunes, is confident Norwich will continue to surprise some of England's biggest clubs.

Third placed Middlesbrough, 1-0 victor over Norwich on Saturday, travels to London to play

Arsenal, which beat Leeds United 7-0 before slumping to defeat at Derby, relies too much on midfielder Liam Brady. Striker

on midfielder Liam Brady. Striker Alan Sunderland poses the biggest threat to Middlesbrough. He has scored five goals this season.

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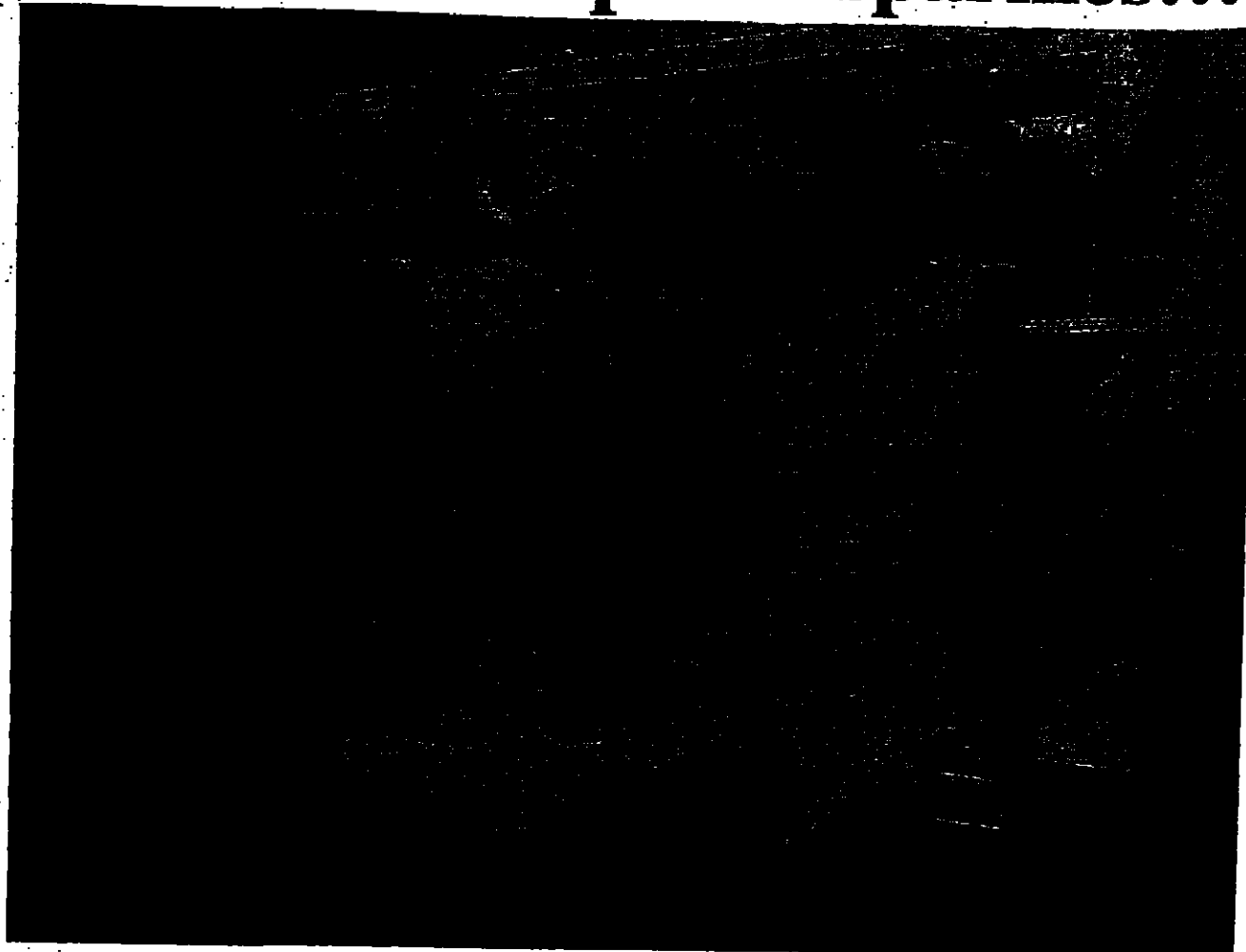
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SUPER CUP: The gigantic cup seen here above is the new Santiago football club, Bernabeu Cup named after the president of Real Madrid who passed away last year. This super cup is 1.2 meters wide and 1.8 meters high. Its base depicts Real Madrid's stadium. The bust is that of the club's former president, Bernabeu. Clubs competing for the cup for the first time were Real Madrid of Spain, Ajax of Holland, Milan of Italy and Bayern of Germany. The first winners were Bayern who beat Ajax 2 nil. The Bayern team shown below are Junghans in goal, backs Weiner, Neidermayer and Augenthaler. Hosenmann and Kraus half backs. Breitter, Oblak, Durbarger, Janzon and Rummenige forwards and subs Dremmier and Hoennes.



TELLY TELLY: The rather odd-looking person in the bowler with the pistol is London-born Greek film and television performer, Telly Savalas. Savalas made a name for himself as the lollipop-sucking 'Kojak' with his bald head and dark glasses. He is one of America's biggest T.V. stars among pre-teen viewers. The scene above is from a 'Kojak' series down at the dock-side.

The 'box' and the box — office



DOCTOR WHO? : The intrepid Doctor Who above seems to be cornered by the dastardly Dalaks again. But why should he worry with his lovely new helper keeping an eye on him. The good Doctor is Tom Baker, successor to John Pertwee in the universally popular U.K. television show. The fair damsel, not obviously in distress and said to be curvy, is 27-year-old Lalla Ward who plays the Doctor's right-hand — girl-Friday, Romana. The perennial Doctor Who series is almost as old T.V. itself. Even the BBC has difficulty remembering when the show first started-back in the dark gray days of 'black and white.'



BABY SHOW-STEALER: In a million-dollar remake of the Shirley Temple classic "Little Miss Marker," veteran actor Walter Matthau teams with a remarkable infant discovery, Sarah Stimson. Film fundis believe it little Sarah a "box-office gold-mine," who steals the show and takes the limelight away from the old trooper. Matthau became famous in the series 'The odd couple,' and has a long list of first rate film credits to his name. Sarah is said to be well on her way to a secured film career. Picture shows Walter and Sarah check to jowl in a scene from "Little Miss Marker."

Worldwide food shortages predicted for early 1980s

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (Agencies) — The world will face a major food crisis in the early 1980s, World Food Council President Maurice Williams predicted Thursday.

"Without any question a very serious crisis lies ahead. The world cannot count on consistently good weather and near record crops every year," he told reporters at a luncheon given by the Overseas Development Council, a private aid organization.

Two years of record grain production had lulled the world into

complacency, he said.

Williams said steps could be taken now to lessen the impact of the anticipated food shortage and assure some food security for developing nations.

Emergency reserve

He called upon major grain exporting countries to set up an international emergency food reserve, as they agreed to do at the 1974 World Food Conference in Rome.

Developing countries were becoming increasingly dependent on imported food and needed to

give higher priority to producing more of their own food, he added.

The U.S. Agriculture Department Wednesday estimated 1979 world grain production at 1,505 billion metric tons compared with last year's 1,573 billion tons.

The major grain exporting countries should reserve a minimum of 7.5 million tons of grain for aid to poorer countries during times of world food shortages, he said.

The countries agreed in 1974 to set up either a monetary fund or food reserve earmarked for nations suffering from food shortages, but have not been able to agree on the best method.

Williams said Canada, Australia and the United States seemed willing to contribute to the food reserve.

Demand rising

The food reserve was becoming more important because demand was rising rapidly worldwide, and this was expected to drive prices up even if no crop disasters took place.

The Philippines and Senegal have decided to prepare national food strategies and other countries including Nigeria and Zambia were "actively interested" in developing them.

New Zealand will develop more gas derivative fuels

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Sept. 14 (AP) — Exploitation of natural gas to make New Zealand more than 50 per cent self-sufficient in transport fuels by 1987 was announced Thursday by energy Minister William F. Birch.

One-quarter of the massive Maori offshore gas deposit has been allocated for production of synthetic fuels and methanol, using either a new Mobil process or the Fisher-Trop process, used in South Africa.

Birch said an official investigating board had been asked for a recommendation by late October on the technique to be used. Nine per cent of the resource is allocated for the production of up to 2,500 tons of methanol daily.

Selected companies

Birch said negotiations would begin immediately with selected companies capable of establishing

such a plant quickly. The investigating board had also been asked to report on whether it should become mandatory for all new motor vehicles to be methanol-compatible when methanol came on stream about 1983.

Twenty-six per cent of the gas would be reticulated as a premium fuel, with the remainder used for electricity generation, liquid petroleum gas, compressed natural gas and petro-chemical plants.

Birch said the expanding of New Zealand's oil refinery and development of the gas field would provide gross foreign exchange savings of 500 million New Zealand dollars annually in 1979 terms.

Only a small percentage of the gas would be converted to propane for export but exports of chemical methanol could be worth 60 million New Zealand dollars a year.

The new gold rush Italian bandits get yellow fever

By Norris Willatt

MILAN, Sept. 14 (OFNS) — The high price of gold has set off a new crime wave in Italy, as thieves, robbers and bandits have gone on a rampage for the yellow metal.

The 'new California gold rush', as the local press describes it, is proving to be far more lucrative than other traditional forms of crime such as pickpocketing and bag-snatching.

Milan is Italy's biggest commercial center. And it is noted for its displays of wealth. Well-to-do women are in the habit of appearing in public, even when doing the weekly shopping, elegantly dressed, and wearing valuable jewelry. That makes them an easy target for the new style 'gold prospectors'.

According to the Milan newspaper *Corriere della Sera*, some of their biggest 'strikes' have made at

hairdressing salons, where the immobilization of clients under hair-dryers, make it easy to relieve them of their gold brooches, rings, bangles, watches and other jewelry. There were about 15 such raids between mid-July and mid-August alone.

Police officials, who have kept busy compiling lists of the hoards (few of which so far have been recovered) say that the increase in the theft of gold objects has been accompanied by a decline in that of other objects of value.

Gold theft seems to have eclipsed also what used to be a most popular crime: handbag snatching, usually from a motor-cycle. But handbag snatching was more of a gamble. The thief never knew how much money or other valuables he would end up with; the same applied to the hold-up artist who stole wallets; or the pickpocket. In contrast, with gold at around \$ 300 an ounce, the

yield from the theft of a gold brooch or bracelet can be roughly calculated in advance.

According to the local police, a handbag snatcher has often to be content with no more than 10,000-20,000 lire from a single haul; that is, about \$10-20.

But if he picks his target shrewdly, the gold snatcher can get away with as much as 500,000 lire (about \$600) from one single coup.

Even this figure is small compared to the proceeds from gangland roads on goldsmiths and jewellers, which have also been on the increase in a community where such establishments are numerous.

Among the general public, consternation is much greater over the risks of more casual gold snatching, which is beginning to cause as much concern to well-to-do families as the ever present threat that some member may be kidnapped and held for ransom.

With Siberian reserves, official says

Russia protected against oil crisis

VIENNA, Sept. 14 (R) — Siberia has enough oil in proven and potential reserves to protect the Soviet Union against the world energy crisis, a high-ranking Soviet official said in Bucharest Thursday.

D.A. Takoyev, Deputy Soviet Oil Industry Minister, rejected "speculation in the international press that the Soviet Union would be affected by the world energy crisis" in an interview with the Romanian news agency Agerpres.

The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) recently estimated that the Soviet Union, the world's largest oil producer, could become a net oil importer by 1985.

The Soviet Union does not have to worry about oil supplies, Takoyev told Agerpres since Siberia has "enough quantities in known deposits and sure prospects of discovering new reserves."

The deputy minister said the cost of extracting oil from the wastes of Siberia was about the same as the cost in North Sea or Alaskan oil production and was definitely worth the investment.

Advances lead declines

Dow closes higher after slim opening

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 — After opening in negative territory, the market turned around in mid-afternoon trading to close slightly higher. At the closing bell the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 1.19 to 870.90, Dow Jones Industrial Transports gained 2.05 to 260.85, and Dow Jones Industrial Utilities added .48 to 108.19. Volume of trading for the day was 39.5 million shares, breadth was

27 1/2. Cesars World tacked on 1 1/2 to 20 1/2, El Paso lost 1/2 to 47 1/2, and Mobil gained 1/2 to 47 1/2. Sugar issues continued in their early advance with Amstar up 1/2 to 23 1/2, Holly Sugar up 1/2 to 23 1/2, A.E. Staley rose 1/2 to 27 1/2, and Amalgamated Sugar gained 1/2 to 33 1/2.

Energy issues were also mixed with Atlantic Richfield up 1/2 to 70 1/2, Mesa Petroleum gained 1/2 to 68 1/2, Std. Oil of Ind. down 1/2 to 67, Std. Oil of Cal off 1/2 to 57 1/2, Hughes Tool advanced 1 1/2 to 47 1/2, and Transco dropped 1/2 to 33 1/2.

In the basic industry sector, Colt Inds. up 1/2 to 47 1/2, Dupont gained 1/2 to 43 1/2, Ft. Howard Paper fell 1/2 to 44, and Great Northern Nekeosa lost 1/2 to 35 1/2.

Auto and machinery issues were little changed with the exception of GM gaining 1/2 to 60 1/2. Gambling stocks were higher with Bally up 1 1/2 to 36 1/2 and Resorts gained 1 1/2 to 37 1/2.

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Motor show raises doubt about future of gasoline

FRANKFURT, Sept. 14 (R) — The Rolls-Royces, Japanese sports cars and smiling startlets were there as usual at Frankfurt's 48th Motor Show Thursday. But behind the extravaganza the sober talk this year was about fuel saving.

Could this year's show, at which 1,363 manufacturers from 39

Brasilia, Manila will cooperate in petrochemicals

BRASILIA, Sept. 14 (AP) — Philippines Energy Minister Geronimo Velasco said here Wednesday that Brazil had agreed to cooperate with the Philippines in a program for the substitution of gasoline and other petrochemical products with alcohol.

Velasco's ten-day visit to Brazil includes a look at this country's national alcohol program, designed to reduce Brazil's dependence on imported oil, which now fills 83 per cent of its domestic needs.

Velasco told reporters following a meeting with Brazil's President, Jose Figueiredo, that he was "excited" by the possibilities of alcohol production in the Philippines, which like Brazil is a major sugar cane producer.

Sugar cane is convertible into alcohol as a gasoline substitute.

Velasco said Figueiredo had given him "spontaneous support" to a request for Brazilian help in launching large scale alcohol production in the Philippines. Velasco visited alcohol distilleries in Brazil and said the Philippines is interested in importing distillery equipment.

countries are exhibiting, be it last brave display of its kind, West German newspapers asked and gloomy articles on the oil crisis.

Opac's Senators

Glamour exhibits like Datsun 280 Z, turbo sports car with tinted safety glass, Opel's streamlined new Senator limousines, natty Alfa-Romeo sprint sedan drew big crowds along the 2 miles of stands.

But at the official opening Traffic Minister Kurt Scheide urged West German manufacturers to cut fuel consumption of new models by 10 to 12 per cent by 1985.

The big challenges today were rising fuel prices, greater safety, less noise and environmental protection, he said.

Scheide said the time was approaching when oil reserves would run out and in the long term motor manufacturers would have to develop engines using other fuels.

The minister did not mention speed limits, but many West German officials have been agreeing that the time to end the free-for-all on the autobahns, Europe's only unrestricted highways, is come.

Despite the fuel crisis, according to an oil industry report, West German gasoline consumption in the second quarter of 1979 was 4.5 per cent over the previous year.

30 million cars And although a car costs over 10 per cent more to run here than in the U.S., Berlin's Economic Research Institute estimates there will be 30 million cars on the road by the year 2,000, compared with 22.5 million today.

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French F (100)	79.00	80.00	79.75
Italian Lira (10,000)	41.00	41.50	41.55
Lebanese Lira (100)	103.70	103.35	103.35
Syrian Lira (100)	86.60	86.60	79.00
Egyptian Pound	4.48	4.63	—
Kuwait Dinar	12.20	12.20	—
Jordanian Dinar	11.25	11.23	—
Emirates Dirham (100)	89.00	88.80	—
Qatari Riyal (100)	90.00	90.00	—
Bahraini Dinar	8.90	8.88	—
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Yemeni Riyal (100)	74.50	74.10	—
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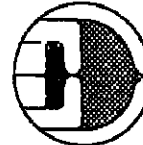
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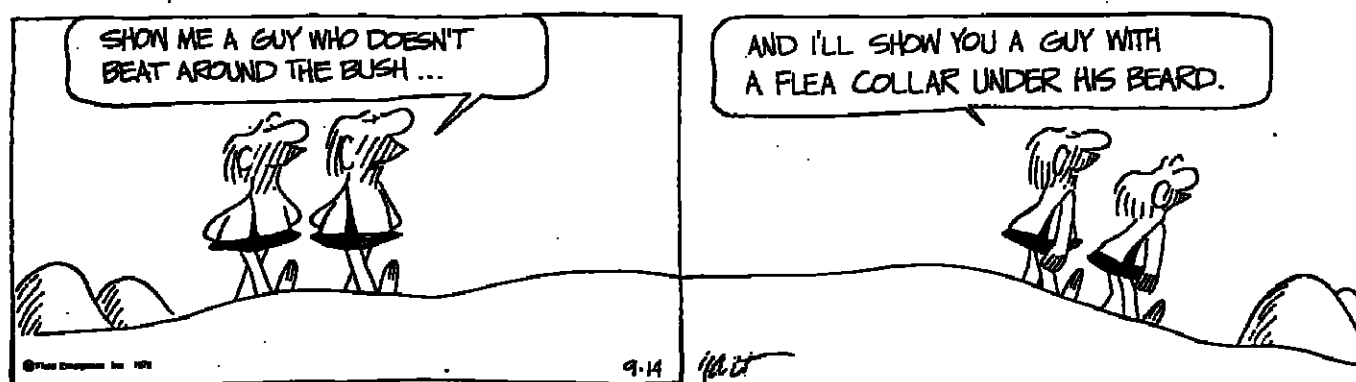
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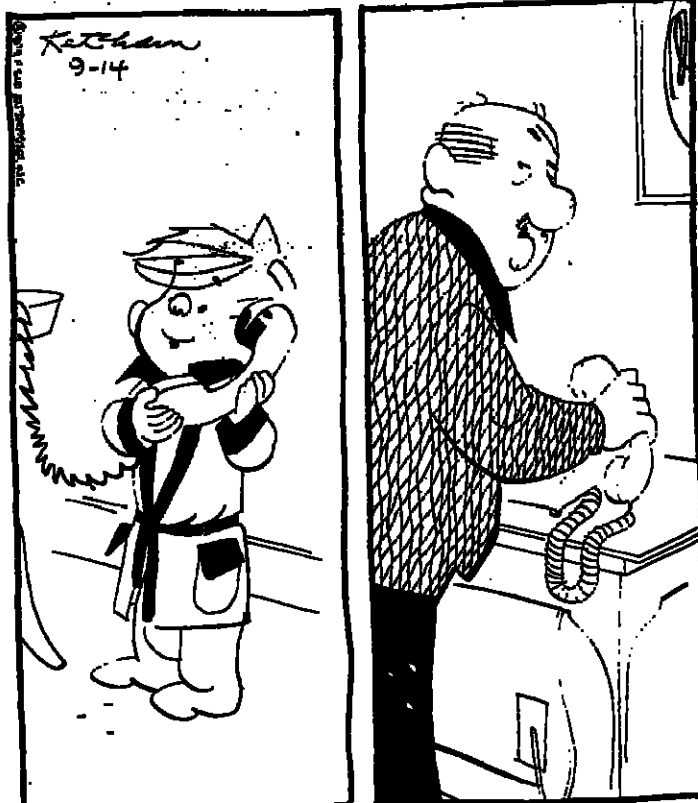
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Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

A Mind-Reading Problem

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ K Q 10 3 2

♥ Q J 9 8

♦ A 7 2

WEST

♠ A 6 4

♥ 10 7 3 2

♦ Q

♣ 10 8 6 5

SOUTH

♠ A 5

♥ K 9 7 5

♦ K 6 4

♣ K 3

The bidding:

West North East South

Pass 1♣ Pass 2♣

Pass 2♥ Pass 3♥

Pass 5♠ Pass 6♠

Opening lead — four of spades.

Insanity is surely a liability at the bridge table, though it must be acknowledged that a schizophrenic bid or play will occasionally score a re-sounding success.

Let's examine this deal where West, apparently suffering from delusions of grandeur, chose a low spade as his opening lead. This might have worked out well had dummy come down with the K-J-x-x of spades and declarer, holding two low spades, played the jack from dummy. But this precise

holding was extremely unlikely, and West's dereliction of the ace at therefore he regarded least as overly invidious. In the actual case, he was greatly helped by lead. When dummy's spades won the first trick, South was able to draw heart from his hand and solve the problem of a possible heart loser.

But when declarer led the eight of trumps, dummy and East played ten, South had to win the trick with the king of trumps. In the former case, the latter case the king would be the winning play. But found the right play all too much sweat or strain, played the king and on West's singleton queen.

Declarer's reasoning is simple enough. South had that although West might have been completely of his mind to have underlined the ace spades at trick one, he hardly have been enough to have done it two aces in his hand, therefore followed that had the ace of diamonds. Accordingly, declarer with the king and then the slam.

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Medina	4:52	6:11	12:24	3:51	6:29	7:59
Nejd	4:24	5:44	11:53	3:21	5:59	7:29

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Riyadh	43	26	Rafha	42	22
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2:20 On Islam	1:30 Melody Makers
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10:00 Opening

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8:30 Dateline	11:00 Special English: News
News Summary	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
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9:00 Newsdesk	6:15 Outlook
9:30 Opera Star	7:00 World News
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11:09 Reflections	8:45 Sports Round-up
11:15 Piano Style	9:00 World News
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12:00 World News	9:15 Radio Newsweek
12:09 British Press Review	9:30 Farming World
12:15 World Today	10:00 Outlook News Summary
12:30 Financial News	10:39 Stock Market Report
12:40 Look Ahead	10:43 Look Ahead
12:45 The Town Meeting	10:45 'Ulster in Focus

Evening Transmission

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1:30 Discovery	1:09 World Today
2:00 World News	1:25 Financial News
2:09 News about Britain	1:35 Book Choice
2:15 Alphabet of Musical	1:40 Reflections
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2:40 Radio	2:09 Commentary
3:15 News	2:15 The Face of England
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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 23) ♎
Working behind the scenes on career matters is an advantage. Take time to check out hidden or overlooked factors. Investigate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
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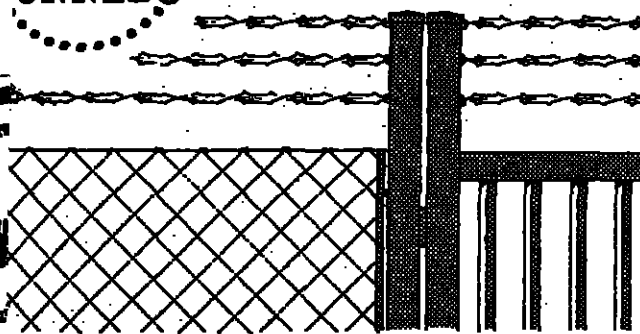
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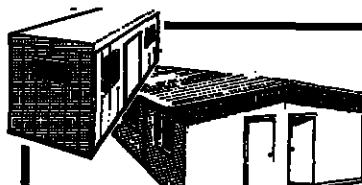
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Carter popularity drops to new low

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (AP) — Americans now give President Jimmy Carter the lowest job rating of any president in modern times, an Associated Press-NBC News poll shows. In spite of Carter's efforts to change the course and image of his administration, he is now in serious trouble with almost every segment of the population — including politically crucial ones like Democrats, Southerners, small town and rural residents and his 1976 supporters.

This weakness comes as Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Massachusetts, has revealed in recent days that he is considering a challenge to Carter for the party's presidential nomination next year.

Overall, according to poll results released Thursday, only 19 per cent of those interviewed nationwide last Monday and Tuesday rated Carter's work excellent or good.

That is down six per cent from the AP-NBC News July poll, which was his previous low.

Forty-nine per cent said his efforts are only

fair and 30 per cent said they were poor. Two per cent of the 1,600 adults interviewed for the poll were not sure.

The 19 per cent is the lowest rating ever received by an American president since this rating question was first asked in 1950, surpassing even the low ratings received by Presidents Richard Nixon and Harry Truman.

Carter's key weaknesses in the public's eyes are his handling of the twin threats of inflation and recession and his reaction to the presence of Soviet combat troops in Cuba.

On his handling of economic problems in general, only 11 per cent of the public gave Carter an excellent or good rating for his work on the nation's economic woes — the lowest job rating ever for Carter in any area. Forty-seven per cent said his work has been poor and forty per cent called it as only fair. Three per cent were not sure.

On foreign policy in general, 22 per cent of those interviewed gave him top marks — down 11 points from July. Forty-two per cent

rated his international efforts only fair and 32 per cent said they were poor. Four per cent were not sure.

The recent revelation that 3,000 Soviet combat troops are stationed in Cuba has not helped Carter with the public.

Fifty-six per cent of the public said Carter is not tough enough in his dealings with the Soviets — even as the Carter administration is holding talks with the Soviets about the troops.

That finding is 12 points more now than the results of the February, 1979, AP-NBC News survey.

Thirty-one per cent said this week that Carter has set the right tone on negotiations with the Soviets and one per cent said he is too tough and 12 per cent were not sure.

Earlier this week, supporters of Kennedy said he is now seriously considering challenging Carter in the Democratic primaries which begin early next year and will make up his mind by the end of November.

For more than a year, Kennedy has consis-



President Carter

tently led Carter in the public opinion polls by a wide margin.

Kennedy recently said his wife, Joan Kennedy, and his mother, Rose Kennedy, have removed the objections they had voiced to a presidential bid.

While he has not yet formally declared his candidacy, his long-held position that he expected Carter to be renominated and expected to support him next year has suddenly become inoperative.

Gov. Jerry Brown of California is also an



Senator Kennedy

all-but-declared candidate for the presidency on the Democratic side of the fence, and there have been reports that Sen. George McGovern, the party's 1972 candidate, is also taking soundings for a possible race.

Republicans, cheered by Carter's steady nosedive in the polls, have produced a large field of candidates, including former California Gov. Ronald Reagan, Tennessee Sen. Howard Baker, Illinois Rep. Philip Crane, Kansas Sen. Robert Dole, and former Treasury Secretary and Texas Gov. John Connally.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

A friend just back from the French Riviera said he formed the impression there that the end of the world must surely be at hand, or at least that some terrible catastrophe was just around the corner. The scenes of nudist everywhere and the mad pursuit of pleasure all around reminded him of what he learned about the last days of the Roman Empire. The man is no stranger to that part of the world, which he has been visiting on and off these twenty years. He had not been back since 1975. But this time, he said, the change he saw surpassed his wildest expectations. In fact, he says, the Riviera he knew is no longer there.

He said he was old enough to remember the "seasons" of rich folk who used to frequent the resort. The first "big spenders" were the titled English, before taxes made them an extinct species after World War II. Then there were the Eastern European aristocracy, until Communism accounted for them. Before the war and for some time after it there were also the Egyptian rich, Pashas and big landlords, who are all now history.

Among all these, and still much in evidence, is a good sprinkling of oil rich Americans. But the predominating "big spenders" of the day are the rich Arabs, with a strong representation of Lebanese "refugees." These "refugees" he noted, can give any Sheikh a good run for his money, as it were when it comes to "big spending."

All this, he said, is really incidental. What struck him mainly now was the general scene of dissipation, with people rushing in to join as though there was no tomorrow.

The man said that he remembers when the bikini first came into fashion about twenty years ago. There was a huge outcry at the "wave of decadence" this symbolized, and many beaches forbade ladies wearing the garment from swimming there. There was that joke about the policeman who demanded that a bikini-clad lady was to change into a one-piece swimming suit; to which the clever lady answered "which piece shall I take-off then?"

At that time, the two pieces of the bikini were decent enough, compared with the flimsy substitute these days. A model once stood in one, then took it off and wrapped into a matchbox to demonstrate its brevity further. It cannot even be called a "fig leaf" now: it is rather nearer to cigarette paper in size and thinness.

But "progress" in this field appears to know no bounds. The upper part of these already too skimpy garments is removed by at least half of the ladies on the Riviera. The man said that friends from St. Tropez told him that even the nether garment is no longer mandatory there; and that this goes for men too.

The man said that he could not believe that story and felt he had to investigate (that is his version at any rate). He was shocked on arriving there to find it was all too true. The worst part of it, he said, that the old as well as the young were enthusiastically stripping completely.

We were sitting in the office as the man was talking. Many of the younger colleagues gave heartening expressions of moral shock at such scenes. Some went so far as to volunteer for a mission to these areas to bring the truth back to readers, no matter what the cost was to their sensibilities. The offers moved us, but we had to thankfully decline. This was clearly a case for direct Editorial care.

British Rhodesia proposal would curtail white power

LONDON, Sept. 14, (R) — Britain has proposed a dramatic curtailment of minority white powers in a legally independent Zimbabwe, authoritative sources at the Rhodesian peace conference disclosed Friday.

The secret constitutional proposals, handed to delegations of the warring Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance and Salisbury coalition government two days ago, were made available in full to Reuters by the sources.

The proposals — which differ from some newspaper leaks published earlier — provide for black control of all levers of power in the new country: over parliament, the civil service, the military, the police and the judiciary.

But the minority whites are not overlooked. They are promised special representation in parliament and provision is made for a non-racial blocking mechanism against drastic constitutional change.

The proposals strike at the heart of the Rhodesian dispute. The minority whites are seeking to defend a strong measure of privilege enshrined in the 1979 constitution which brought black Premier Abel Muzorewa to power, while the guerrillas argue that the territory's 230,000 whites — outnumbered 30-to-one by blacks — wield too much influence.

Under the present constitution, whites hold 28 per cent of seats in the lower house for 10 years and can block constitutional changes aimed at weakening their position. Through special committees they have

ensured day-to-day control of security forces, civil service and judiciary for the next five years.

The British plan would stop all that.

An indication of the seriousness with which the Salisbury delegation viewed the proposals came Friday when former Premier Ian Smith — chief defender of white rights — and coalition colleagues asked for a private meeting with the conference chairman, British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington.

The special committee which saw Lord Carrington comprised members of all parties in the Salisbury coalition with their legal advisers — but the whites were most strongly represented.

The British draft constitution proposes two voters' rolls for universal suffrage elections. Whites and blacks on a common roll would elect black MPs and whites only would elect white MPs.

The British deliberately at this stage do not suggest numbers of MPs. The document refers to "Y" number of blacks in the lower house of assembly and "Z" number of whites.

"Certain principle provisions of the constitution, such as those related to the legislature, the judiciary and the amendment of the constitution will be specially entrenched," the document said. "A bill to amend the entrenched provisions of the constitution will require the affirmative votes of (at least) 70 per cent of all the members of the House of Assembly."



DEJECTION: Young David Daria sits dazedly on top of what used to be his uncle's house in Pascagoula, Mississippi, after Hurricane Frederic tore through late Thursday.

Carter due on visit

Frederic kills 8 in U.S. South

MOBILE, Alabama, Sept. 14 (AP) — Hurricane Frederic pushed inland Thursday after cutting a 160-kilometer-wide swath through the U.S. Gulf Coast, leaving behind a rubble of splintered dwellings, boats and businesses and at least eight people dead.

Some of the more than 400,000 people who had fled before the hurricane moved ashore late Wednesday picked their way back home only to find their houses in shambles.

Thousands of others remained in emergency shelters.

howled northward through southeast Mississippi and into Alabama, and the National Guard was called out to aid police.

Though weakening, the storm was still dumping heavy rains and packing winds up to 96 kilometers per hour.

At 2200 GMT, in the last advisory on the storm to be issued by the National Hurricane Center in Miami, Frederic, downgraded to a tropical storm, was over extreme northwestern Alabama, moving to the north-northeast.

In this historic port city, 160 kilometer per hour winds uprooted giant oaks, smashed downtown storefronts and pitched the debris into the narrow streets and stately boulevards. Officials said damage costs would certainly mount into the millions of dollars, but they would not offer estimates.

Officials credited the low number of casualties to the fact that hundreds of thousands of people heeded the call to evacuate. In 1969, more than 250 people died when Hurricane Camille stormed ashore near Gulfport, Mississippi.

President Jimmy Carter designated 30 counties in Mississippi, Florida and Alabama as major areas, making them eligible for federal aid, and the White House said the president was to personally inspect the area by helicopter Friday.

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